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Chief Labor Conciliator

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ROOFERS COMP.	BLD		16.500	17.250	40.0	1.5	1.5	2.0	1.610	1.200	.000
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TILE LAYERS	BLD		15.660	17.160	40.0	2.0	1.5	2.0	1.500	1.320	.000
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2-11-79

Librarian Gail Olson (standing) gives instructions to participants in Steger-South Chicago Heights public library's recent checkers tournament. Winners in the two age classifications were Mark Lustig, 8, of 111 West 27th street, South Chicago Heights, and Benny Lopez, 13, of 3205 Emerald avenue, Steger.

Assess library tax hike defeat

Trustees of the Steger-South Chicago Heights library district will hold a special meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday to discuss the financial future of the district in the wake of a defeat of a tax rate increase proposal in a referendum Saturday.

The proposed 10-cent increase in the corporate tax levy for the library district was defeated by a vote of 440 to 321. The district had asked voters to approve an increase in the corporate tax levy from 15 cents to 25 cents per $100 of equalized assessed real estate valuation.

In the Will county portion of the district, the measure was defeated by a two to one margin with 104 yes votes and 204 no votes cast. In Cook county, voters cast 217 yes ballots and 236 no ballots.

LAST November the same proposal was defeated by a margin of only one vote.

Since the first of this year, library board officials have curtailed library hours, cut staff hours, reduced the book budget and boosted fines for overdue books in an attempt to keep operating expenses in line with revenues.

In commenting that the outlook for the library's future "is extremely pessimistic," Mrs. Rosetta Hellmer, president of the library board, noted that the library's revenues have decreased steadily over the past three years.

The budget for the 1978-79 current fiscal year is $64,400, compared with $76,000 in 1975, the year the library district was formed.

WHILE the district is gaining $7,000 during the coming year, due to its action in voting a .02 per cent levy, this is more than offset by the $14,000 loss in taxes due to the constitutional elimination of the corporate personal property tax.

Actions to be taken in light of the referendum defeat will be discussed at Tuesday night's meeting, Mrs. Hellmer said.

JAR 3/25/79

With Easter only a few weeks in the future, what's more natural than fashioning some traditional objects usually associated with the religious holiday? Here, Ruth Tabbitt (center) of Steger leads a class in crocheting "ducks" and "eggs," which will end up in someone's Easter basket. The "pupils" are (from left) Loretta Joyce and Edythe Christo, also both Steger. The group, under sponsorship of the Steger Public library, met for two consecutive Wednesday night classes at the library.

STAR 4/12/79

Library director submits resignation

"When it rains — it pours," officials of the Steger-South Chicago Heights library district are saying these days.

The library has been standing on shaky financial grounds in the past year, and several drastic budget cuts were made in order to keep operating expenses in line with incoming revenues.

To improve the library's financial situation, officials attempted twice within the last six months to increase the institution's tax base by asking voters of the district to approve a tax hike at referendum. The referendum proved unsuccessful on both occasions. Although the financial situation appears to be somewhat alleviated (the district received two state grants), library officials now face a staffing problem.

AT A SPECIAL meeting of the board of trustees last week, Phyllis Woodward, library director, presented the board with her letter of resignation, effective April 30. Ms. Woodward has accepted a position with the Lake county public library in Indiana.

Within the last week two additional part time staff members left, one because of termination of a special CETA program, and the second because of termination of her practicum program with the library.

To alleviate staffing problems, the trustees approved a motion to change the position of circulation clerk from a part-time to full-time position effective immediately and concurred to advertise for the position of library director.

Applications for the position may be made by contacting the library director at 755-5040.

ROSETTA Hellmer, board president, announced that the board is also seeking candidates to fill the one-year remaining term of Mrs. Carroll. Mrs. Carroll resigned her position of trustee at the last regular meeting of the board.

Candidates for the position should preferably named from South Chicago Heights, as the board currently consist of four members from Steger and two from South Chicago Heights. Interested candidates should attend the next regular meeting of the board, scheduled for 7 p.m. April 26 or contact the library.

STAR 5/4/79

Library board nears choice of director

Applicants are now being interviewed for the director of the Steger-South Chicago Heights library, and a new director is expected to be chosen within the next few days.

The library board passed an ordinance which will allow it to collect a tax of two cents per $100 of assessed valuation of the assessed property in the district for a building and site fund. The fund by law can only be used for the purchase of sites and buildings, for the construction and equipment of buildings, for the rental of buildings and for the maintainance and repair of library buildings and equipment.

The library board has determined the funds will be used toward the cost of rental of its present library building.

IN OTHER action, the board agreed to hire a consultant from the Suburban Library system for up to 20 hours per week for a period not to exceed six weeks to operate the library until a director is hired and able to assume his duties.

Discussion was held on the continuing search for a new library trustee from the area of the district within the boundaries of South Chicago Heights. Anyone wishing to serve in the capacity from that area may contact the library.

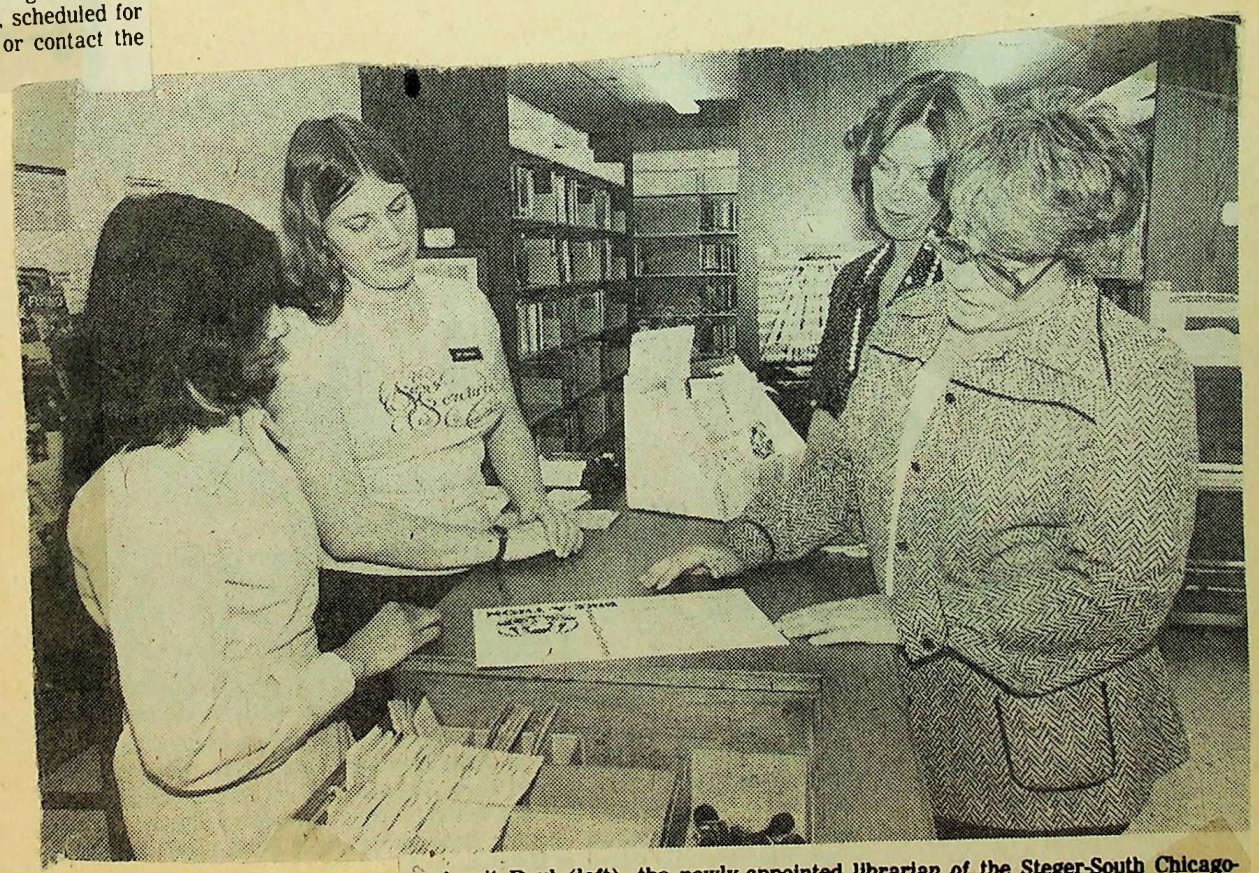
Library director named

During a recent meeting of the Steger-South Chicago Heights library board of trustees, Amrit Paul received the appointment of library director.

Ms. Paul is replacing Phyllis Woodward who accepted a position with the Lake county library in Indiana.

Ms. Paul, a native of Panjab, India, received a BA, B Ed. and MA degrees from Panjab university and an MLS in library science from the university of Ontario, London, Ontario.

Ms. Paul will begin serving as full-time director of the library beginning June 1.



Amrit Paul (left), the newly-appointed librarian of the Steger-South Chicago-Heights library, is welcomed by Jan Conover, circulation clerk at the library (left, rear); Lorraine Pirarski, a bookkeeper for the library, and Rosetta Hellmer (right), the library board president. Ms. Paul will assume her duties June 1 succeeding Phyllis Woodard, who accepted a position with the Lake county library.

STAR 6/3/79

Library program set for summer

The Steger-South Chicago Heights library will offer several programs for children this summer.

A summer reading program, with the theme "Fishing for more knowledge through reading," will begin June 18 and last for a period of seven weeks.

The program is geared for grade levels kindergarten through eighth grade and readers may report, either written or oral, on no more than two books per day. Report forms and record sheets will be kept by the librarian. All children participating in the program will receive a certificate and an invitation to a party at the conclusion of the program.

LORRAINE Pivarski, the library's newly appointed childrens librarian, also announced that the second annual pet show has been scheduled for July 9 from 10 a.m. until noon on the lawn of Saukview elementary school.

Also planned for the summer months is a children's film festival. Dates and specific times of the film program will be announced in the coming week, Mrs. Pivarski said.

STAR 7/8/79

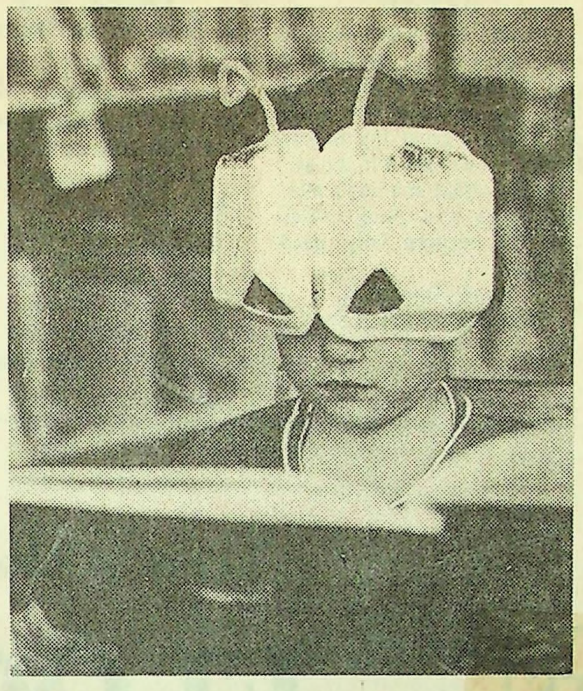
Library benefit tallied

Mary Schmitt, secretary of the Friends of the Steger-South Chicago Heights library, reported last week that the organization's fund-raising event, the candlelight bowl, netted slightly over $1,000 in profit for the group.

Schmitt said donations totaling approximately $750 will be made to the children's department of the library. The Friends group plans to purchase a puppet stage and $100 worth of hand puppets, a 12-volume set of "Child-craft books," a film drawer to store children's films, a large magnifying glass, a Christmas tree and various craft kits to be used for special craft programs for youngsters.

Formal presentation of the donations to the library is planned for the group's next meeting, scheduled for August 6.

August 29, 1979



Each Wednesday evening in the Steger-South Chicago Heights library 15 to 20 little pairs of eyes train with intensity on children's librarian Lorraine Pivarski. At 7 p.m. Wednesdays through August the library offers a summer preschool story hour for children ages four to six. Aside from the hypnotic readings, which drew the full attention of the above crowd, each session ends with a show-and-tell or some craft work. A large shell helped enhance a mermaid story for Sona Garcia, 6, of Steger, (far right), while Dustin Mannel, 4, of Steger, (near right) appears to have become a real bookworm. The library also offers a young adult film program at 10:30 a.m. August 8 and 22.

STAR 8/2/79

A benefaction of books

Summertime is reading time, and it looks as if patrons of the Steger-South Chicago Heights library are in for a treat, thanks to the fund-raising efforts of the Altrusa club of Chicago Heights. Viewing some of the benefits reaped from a $1,470 check presented to the library by the club are, from left to right, Altrusan Judy Towner of Park Forest; Amrit Paul, director of the Steger-South Chicago Heights library, and Altrusan Kathy Costabile of Chicago Heights. In addition to some 300 young adult books (150 hardback and 150 paperback), the library was able to set up a travel information center for the benefit of vacationing patrons.

8/5/79

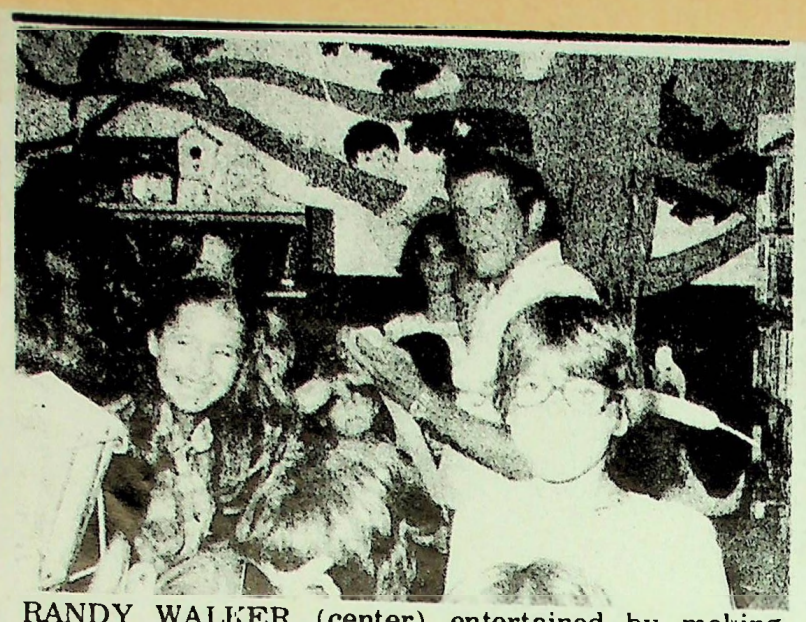
Library friends set puppet show

The Friends of the Library organization will present a puppet stand and puppets to the Steger-South Chicago Heights library on Tuesday. The presentation will take place during their regularly scheduled meeting beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Mary Schmitt, secretary of the friends group, reported the items were purchased by the Friends of the Library with proceeds from the Candlelight Bowl that was sponsored by the Friends in June. Proceeds of $1,000 were received by the group from the bowl. Mrs. Schmitt, chairman of the bowl, said most of the money received will be spent on items for the children's department of the library.

The Friends of the Library are urging all members of the organization to attend the meeting on Tuesday so they may voice their ideas on future fund raising projects for the group.

The Friends of the Library, a nonprofit organization, meet the first and third Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Steger-South Chicago Heights library, 3326 Chicago road, South Chicago Heights. Anyone interested in joining the group may attend the meetings, or contact the library at 755-5040 for further information.



Steger News
8/22/79

RANDY WALKER (center) entertained by making balloon animals at the Summer Reading Program Children's Party at the Steger-South Chicago Heights Library on Saturday. Each child present received one to take home. Certificates in the program were awarded to Carol Andrade, Rita Brake, Rosie Fairbanks, Lisa Franczyk, Mary Jo Gambino, Tracy Gura, Tracie Jasinski, Laura Jugin, Anne Kamin, Carolyn Kohn, Bobby Lopez, Debbie Lopez, Yvonne Kuhlman, Kim Michalek, Laurie Michalek, Deep Paul, Vanessa Pivarski, Michelle Pohrte, Danny Pohrte, Jimmy Risley, Cindy Risley, Mandy Risley, Manuel Sanchez, Tracy Schmitt, Michelle Stokes, Debbie Sullivan, Tamra Venditti, Kelly Venditti, Denise Vitelli, Brian Vitelli, Heath Zeller, and Jennifer Zeman. EJB Photo.

9/2/79

Trusgnich named to library board

Steven Trusgnich was appointed as trustee of the Steger-South Chicago Heights library district Tuesday.

Trusgnish will fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Linda Carrol earlier in the year.

The new trustee resides in South Chicago Heights and is vice-president of Aide Rentals, Inc., of South Chicago Heights.

Trusgnish, 24, is a graduate of Homewood-Flossmoor high school and attended Davidson college in Davidson, N.C., and Davis and Elkins college in West Virginia where he graduated with a BA in management and marketing.

Sept 6, 1979

Wood carving on display

A month-long display of wood carving, topped by a wood carving demonstration, headlines the September program of the Steger-South Chicago Heights public library.

The carving display will continue through September 29. The wood carving demonstration will be conducted by Edward Stockey from 7 to 8 p.m., September 24. There will be no charge.

Disco demonstrations will be given from 7 - 8 p.m. September 20 and September 27 by Lyn Elizaide, owner of the Dancing Exchange Limited studio. Enrollment each night is limited to 15 persons.

THE LIBRARY has scheduled demonstrations in plastic modeling during October, macrame in November, and a doll house in December. Future programs will be set up in crochet, wine and cheese, and cooking. Dates will be announced.

Persons interested in any of these programs may telephone 755-5040, or visit the library to enroll. The library now is located at the American Plaza 3526-28 Chicago road, South Chicago Heights.

Fifteen girls have registered for membership in the Miss Teen club of the Steger-South Chicago Heights library. The first meeting will be at 7 p.m., September 17.

Library hours altered

9/30/79

The Steger-South Chicago Heights library board of trustees announced a change in library hours effective tomorrow at a recent trustees meeting.

The library's operating hours will be increased from a current total of 35 hours per week to 47 hours per week, with the following schedule.

On Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays the library will be open from 10 a.m. until 9 p.m. and on Tuesdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. The library will remain closed to the public on Fridays.

AMRIT PAUL, library director, also reported that a bimonthly library newsletter will be made available to all patrons.

Beginning tomorrow, William Conover, a member of the International Plastic Modelers society, will begin a class in plastic model construction. Classes are scheduled on Mondays from 7 p.m. till 9 p.m. and open to youngsters age 12 and older. Materials required include Exacto knife, sandpaper, glue, model and paint.

Further information is available by contacting the library at 755-5040.

Library board to act on tax levy

9/9/79

Trustees of the Steger-South Chicago Heights library district will hold a special meeting tomorrow at 7 p.m. at the library. The meeting has been scheduled to pass the 1979 tax levy ordinance and for finance and personnel.

9/26/79

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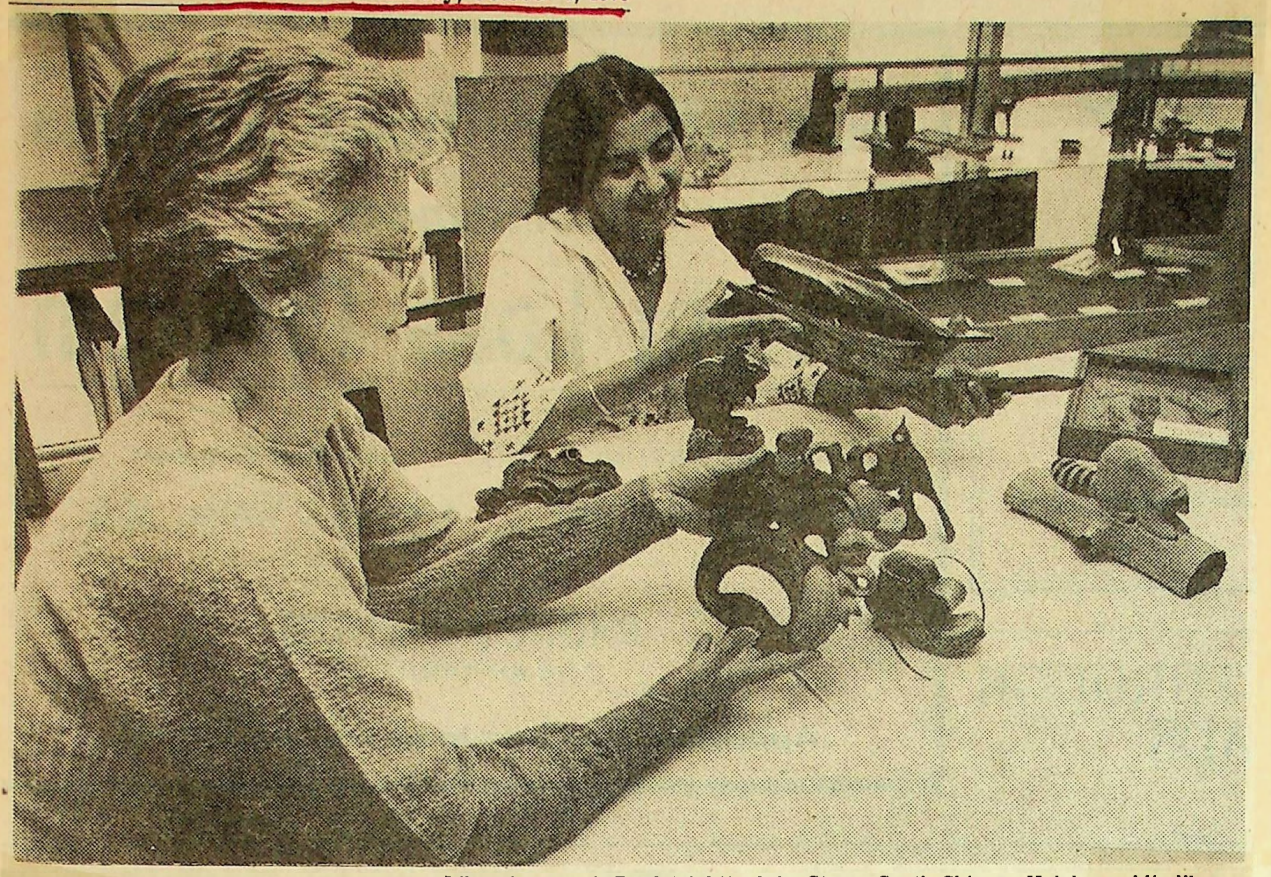
9/23/79

Library board meets Tuesday

The Steger-South Chicago Heights library board of trustees will meet on Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the library building for the regular scheduled monthly business meeting.

The meeting is open to the public.



Librarian Amrit Paul (right) of the Steger-South Chicago Heights public library and patron Leona Mancewicz examine wood carvings by artist Edward Stockey of Harvey. The carvings were on display at the library.

10/14/79

Library slated for 'gift'

A special surprise is in store for Steger-South Chicago Heights library officials, employees and patrons tomorrow, when the Friends of the Library will present their special "gift" for the library's young patrons.

Mary Schmitt, secretary of the Friends organization, reported last week, that final touches would be applied to a "puppet playhouse" over the weekend and that the "theater for little people" would officially be presented tomorrow during the Friends' meeting, scheduled for 7 p.m.

The handmade puppet theater received final painting and decorating touches from Mrs. Schmitt, Lorraine Pivarsky, childrens librarian, and local residents.

The Friends organization also recently donated a set of Childcraft books, 10 wooden puzzles and various craft items, to be used for special craft projects for the children's department.

The donations stem from a fund-raising event, sponsored by the Friends last fall.

Oct. 25, 1979

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY presented the Steger-South Chicago Heights Library with a puppet stage recently. Rosetta Hellmer, left, accepted the gift as president of the library Board of Trustees. Others present for the presentation were, left to right, Karin Daun, secretary of the library board, Lorraine Pivarski, children's librarian, and Mary Schmitt and Sandie DeGroot, of Friends of the Library. Joe Newberry Jr. Photo.

The Friends of the Steger-South Chicago Heights library recently donated a set of encyclopedias and a puppet theater to the children's department of the library. Inspecting the puppet theater, left to right, are Rosetta Hellmer, library board president; Karin Daun, secretary of the library board; Lorraine Pivarski, children's librarian, and behind the puppet stage, Mary Schmitt and Sandie DeGroot, two members of the Friends organization. The library is located at 3326-28 Chicago road in the American Plaza shopping center in South Chicago Heights.

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Randy Walker demonstrates how to make balloon animals for youngsters at the Steger-South Chicago Heights library's children's summer reading program party. Theme of the program was "Fishing for Knowledge Through Reading." Youngsters who received reading achievement certificates included Carol Andrade, Rita Brake, Rosie Fairbanks, Lisa Franczyk, Mary Jo Gambino, Tracy Gura, Tracie Jasinski, Laura Jugin, Anne Kamin, Carolyn Kohn, Bobby Lopez, Debbie Lopez, Yvonne Kuhlman, Kim Michalek, Laurie Michalek, Dee Paul, Vanessa Pivarski, Michelle Pohrte, Danny Pohrte, Jimmy Risley, Cindy Risley, Mandy Risley, Manuel Sanchez, Tracy Schmitt, Michelle Stokes, Debbie Sullivan, Tamra Venditti, Kelly Venditti, Denise Vitelli, Brian Vitelli, Heath Zeller and Jennifer Zeman.

With defeat of tax increase, future 'looks bad' for library

WITH THE DEFEAT Saturday of a referendum proposal to provide more tax monies to the Steger-South Chicago Heights Library District, the future "looks bad," according to one board member.

Unofficial tallies show the proposal to increase the tax rate to 25 cents from 15 cents per $100 assessed valuation was defeated 440 to 320.

"The large turnout worked against us, and it looks bad for the library," said board member Karen Daun.

Since November, the library has cut back its hours, reduced its book-buying budget and raised fines for overdue books. The library has been closed on Fridays since November and on Thursday evenings since January to cut costs.

Had Saturday's referendum proposal been approved, the library could have re-opened Thursday nights and Fridays.

A referendum in November on a proposal to increase the tax rate 10 cents per $100 assessed valuation failed by one vote.

1/16/80

FRIENDS OF LIBRARY DISSOLVE

The Friends of the Steger-South Chicago Heights Library group will become defunct on Thursday, Jan. 17 when they liquidate their funds to the board. Because of lack of interest and support from the community, the group decided to dissolve.

Money left in their treasury will be donated to the library and the friends group will designate what they wish the money to be spent on.

Officers of the friends group are Ronald Paradiso, president, Sandy DeGroot, vice president, Annie Patrikis, secretary, and Mary Schmitt, treasurer.

1/16/80

LIBRARIAN RESIGNS

Amrit Paul, librarian of the Steger-South Chicago Heights Library, presented her resignation last week. It will become effective March 1. She has accepted a job as librarian on the west coast.

The library board is seeking applications for a new librarian. Qualifications include a Masters of Library Science, and one year of experience is also preferred. Anyone meeting the qualifications, and is interested in the position, may contact the library for further details.

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Director resigns; Friends to end

Steger-South Chicago Heights library officials, who have had more than their share of trouble in keeping the financially-troubled institution afloat, are now faced, for the second time in as many years, with the resignation of a library director and the loss of the Friends organization.

Amrit Paul, the library's director, recently tended her resignation effective March first. Miss Paul, employed as director of the library in May of 1979, is moving to another position out of the state.

The resignation came as a total surprise to library officials, who in recent months have been faced with two tax referendum defeats, loss of the previous librarian, Phyllis Woodward and the resignation of a children's librarian.

LIBRARY trustees also learned last week that the Friends of the Steger-South Chicago Heights library, an organization in existance a little more than two years, decided to dissolve.

Annie Patrikas, secretary of the Friends organization, reported that funds will be liquidated at a special meeting set for tonight at the library.

The Friends organization worked in the past to support the library with various projects, such as book sales, membership drives, candy sales and a benefit candlelight bowl. The main fund-raising effort of the Friends group was directed towards the children's department of the library and sizeable purchases for the department were made by the group.

Mary Schmitt, secretary of the Friends, said that lack of community interest and support prompted organization officers to dissolve. Monthly organization meetings were only attended by three or four members, Schmitt said.

Serving as officers of the Friends were: Ron Paradiso, president; Sandie DeGroot, vice-president; Mary Schmitt, treasurer, and Annie Patrikas, secretary.

ROSETTA Hellmer, president of the library board, said that the library was very grateful to the Friends organization, that "although they were small in number, they were mighty in style."

"They have done an outstanding job for the library and the community," Mrs. Hellmer added, "and on behalf of the library board and staff I would like to thank them for their unselfishness and all their efforts in the past two years. The organization will be greatly missed," Mrs. Hellmer said.

1/24/80

Library prepares for election

Nominating petitions for candidates in the April 8 Steger-South Chicago Heights library trustee elections will be available at the library February 1.

Five positions ranging from two to six year terms are open. Nominating petitions should be accompanied by statements of candidacy and a statement of ethics.

According to Illinois Library law, not more than four trustees of a library district may be residents of one community. Currently Steger has four library trustees and South Chicago Heights three.

A minimum of 50 signatures from registered voters of the entire district is required; deadline for filing the petitions with the library's election clerk is March 1.

1/23/80

Library News

A Mexican cooking class, with a demonstration of enchilladas by Mrs. Maria Lopez, will be held at the Steger-South Chicago Heights Library tonight, from 7 until 9. There is a $1 fee for the class.

A plaster painting class will be held by Ann Roop on Monday, Jan. 28, at 7 p.m. Required materials are beginner's piece of plaster, plaster paints, two or three colors of paints and a brush. The enrollment of the class is limited to 15.

Beginning on Saturday, Feb. 2, until Feb. 9, Barbara Tabler, a seventh grader from Central Junior High School, will have her horse collection on display at the library.

Charlene Johnston will start another macrame class on Tuesday, Feb. 5. The sessions will be held from 7 until 9 p.m. on Feb. 5, 12 and 19. A list of materials will be posted in the library.

Since the enrollment of most classes is limited, it is advisable to call the library, 755-5040 or go into the library now to sign up. The library is located at 3326 Chicago Rd., (American Plaza) South Chicago Heights.

Science project bibliographies are available now at the library and may be had for the asking.

1/24/80

Steger-South Heights library activities set

The Steger-South Chicago Heights public library announces the following activities and programs for the coming weeks:

A display of plaster painting by Ann Roop of Chicago Heights continues through until the end of the month. The second session of a class on plaster painting meets Monday, but participants must have registered in advance and attended last week's class.

Barbara Tabler, a seventh grade student at Central junior high school, will display a horse collection February 2 to 9.

THE TEEN club will meet at 7 p.m. on February 4 at the library. A class in Chinese cooking will be offered Teen club members at noon on February 16. The same class will be offered to the public at 7 p.m. on February 18. Enrollment is limited to 12.

Charlene Johnson will teach another macrame class on three consecutive Tuesdays beginning February 5, from 7 to 9 p.m.

The children's program for the month will be a Valentine story hour, beginning at 7 p.m. on February 13. Children four to six years will see a film, listen to a story and make Valentines.

Persons interested in any of the above programs should

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TUESDAY

Free instruction in **MACRAME** will be offered at the Steger-South Chicago Heights public library, 3326 Chicago road, South Chicago Heights, beginning at 7 p.m. The class, taught by Charlene Johnstone, will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. on three consecutive Tuesdays. A list of necessary materials — which must be supplied by class participants — will be posted at the library. Telephone 755-5040 for further information.

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Work for the library

Letter to the Editor:

Four-and-a-half years ago a library was created and named the Steger-South Chicago Heights library district. In April of 1976 the first election was held to seat seven people on the board of trustees. Since that time and many board members later there are only two original board members left. To sit on the board to some was just a status symbol to their family and friends and that didn't get the work done, nor help the library achieve its goals.

In April of this year there is a trustees election for which five seats will be open. We never seem to have enough community interest or involvement to keep a full board. We are not even sure we can get enough people to care to run for these positions.

Soon we will be on our fourth library director and our Friends of the Library has disbanded for lack of community interest. We have been struggling since we opened our doors four-and-a-half years ago. We've gone to referendum twice, the first was lost by one vote, the second by many. We are always applying for grants of one type or another, anything to supplement our income over our livelihood, tax dollars.

THE QUESTION here seems to be why — why do people want a library but don't want to support it; they want a Friends group but don't want to participate; they want a good library director, but don't want to pay them a good wage; they want a good board of trustees but don't bother to run for office. Let the other guy do it. We are out of other guys. Get off your duffs and help us out, run for the job of trustee. There's no pay, no benefits, a lot of work, and your reward is a beautiful library.

Someone Who Cares a lot,
Rosetta Hellmer
President, Board of Trustees
Steger-South Chicago Heights
Library District

Says young library growing

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To the Editor:

Nobody — but almost nobody — reads a lengthy letter to the editor. Hopefully, residents of Steger and South Chicago Heights shall be patient enough to plow through this one.

A recent article in The Star and a more recent letter to the editor have painted a rather bleak picture of the future for the Steger-South Chicago Heights public library district. Both were written by library board members. Both were written with the very best of intentions, and reflect the frustrations of public service. Library board members are indeed unpaid, but not necessarily unappreciated.

This writer is also a member of the library board, having served for only about two years. A friend asked, "Is the library about to close, or what?"

LET'S CONSIDER a few facts which were not mentioned in last month's articles.

The Steger-South Heights Library is financially solvent. It has always operated within its budget, although it has never been easy to do so. Professional auditors have complimented the financial records of the library. That is a compliment to the total financial operation of the library. Also, in regard to library finances, the library has recently received a significant grant from Bloom township revenue sharing funds. Add to this a generous gift from the Altrusa club, which serves the general area of Chicago Heights. The library is grateful for both of these sources of revenue to help serve our residents.

It is sad that the Friends of the Library group has dissolved. Their unselfish contributions were numerous. But let's not neglect the residents who have made personal donations of books, record albums and other gifts. Or the wall mural in the children's area from Norma Sherman. Or the newly organized Miss Teens club, whereby some area kids have donated time in service to the library. Let's not forget that the library continues to offer special evening programs for all residents. These programs are presented by area people who charge not one penny for their time and talent.

Previous directors of our library, including the current director, have advanced themselves by getting a better position. That is a compliment to their expertise on the job. And the library has been able to benefit from their direction, although for not as long a period as might have been wished.

WITHIN the last year library hours open to the public have been increased a full 42 per cent! The library is now open on three evenings, and for seven hours on Saturday. A bi-monthly library newsletter is now available upon request during any of the 45 hours per week . . . during which the library is open.

The library board operates with seven members. The majority of the board has said that it is willing to serve again, in some capacity. Thus, the library is searching for only two or three concerned citizens to help out. Have you had the patience to read this far? Perhaps . . . you?

In this writer's experience as a library board member, a few other things should be noted. The library has a comprehensive personnel policy, to insure quality service to the taxpayers. It also insures fairness to all library employees; an intricate procedures manual for internal library operations has been completed; the number of books kept in the library has been increased — particularly expensive reference books; the children's area has carpeting now; the photocopy machine will be owned, not mortgaged, in a very few months.

Everything mentioned in this letter has occurred or been completed within the last two years! "Is the Library about to close, or what?"

HARDLY!

For 45 hours per week, the Steger-South Heights library will continue to be located at the south end of the American Plaza.

There is always plenty of snow-cleared parking available. Please stop by, even if only to snoop! Ask for help. Or, phone 755-5040 and ask how the library may help you.

The library is proud of so many of our residents and the library staff. Look at how much has been accomplished since the library first opened its doors in late 1975!

That's only about 4½ years ago!

Perhaps as the library counts its disappointments for the public view, our blessings should be expressed as well.

Boyd Partridge
Member, Board of Trustees
Steger-South Chicago Heights Public
Library District

Library board meets tonight

2/7/80

The Steger-South Chicago Heights library board of trustees will meet tonight at 7 o'clock at the library, 3326 Chicago road, South Chicago Heights.

The board will meet in a special session to discuss personnel matters.

Library trustee forms available

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Nominating petitions for candidates in the April 8 Steger-South Chicago Heights library trustee elections are now available at the library.

Five positions ranging from two- to six-year terms are open. Two incumbent trustees, Mrs. Rosetta Hellmer, board president, and Mrs. Karin Daun, board secretary, announced that they would make a decision on whether they would seek re-election to the board shortly. Both incumbents are residents of South Chicago Heights.

According to Illinois Library law, not more than four trustees of a library district, consisting of two municipalities, may be residents of one community. Currently Steger has three library trustees and South Chicago Heights has three. A fourth trustee, a resident of Steger, submitted his resignation from the board last Tuesday.

A **MINIMUM** of 50 signatures from registered voters of the district is required and nominating petitions should be accompanied by statements of candidacy and a statement of ethics.

Deadline for filing the petitions with the library's election clerk is March 1.

A library's life

2/7/80

Less than five years ago, some enlightened residents of Steger and South Chicago Heights engineered the creation of a public library district. Too few people since then have worked to build on that promising foundation.

While some of the other libraries in this area have struggled through troubled times, the Steger-South Chicago Heights public library leads the list in setbacks, as Rosetta Hellmer, president of the library district's board of trustees, recounted in a letter on this page last week. Twice the voters have turned down a library tax rate increase, once by a single vote; three directors of the library have come and gone; only two of the original seven trustees remain on the board, and the Friends of the Library, a support group, recently disbanded.

Mrs. Hellmer urges the people of the two communities to shake off the apathy that is killing the library, asking them to run for the library board in April — not because they want the prestige of public office, but because they want to contribute their efforts toward a better library.

THE PEOPLE WHO WERE WISE enough to start the library and wise enough to merge the financial base of two communities into the district have provided a foundation that is worthy of further development.

Keeping the treasure that books provide available to the people of Steger and South Chicago Heights is worthwhile. Books provide a broad education at a bargain price, and too many people are letting the public library slide into obscurity for lack of some extra effort.

LIBRARY PETITIONS AVAILABLE NOW

2/13/80

Nominating petitions for the trustee elections of the Steger-South Chicago Heights Library Board are available now at the library. The election of the board trustees is scheduled for April 8. Five positions on the board will be open.

Hire New Librarian

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Marsha Piotrowski of Oak Park has been hired as the new librarian for the Steger-South Chicago Heights Library. She will replace Amrit Paul who is leaving the area.

Piotrowski graduated from the University of Illinois with a masters degree in library science. She has worked at the Oak Park Public Library, and has been involved in such services as the Homebound Service, and the Talking Book program. She is a member of the Welfare Council of Oak Park and River Forest, the Senior Citizens Committee of Oak Park, the National Council on the Aged, the Library Research Round Table, the Library Services to the Blind and the Physically Handicapped.

Library hires new director

2/17/80

Marsha Piotrowski was recently hired by the Steger-South Chicago Heights library district as its new director.

Library trustees, in a special session last Thrusday, voted unanimously to employ Ms. Piotrowski effective today. She will replace Amrit Paul, who is moving out of state.

Ms. Piotrowski is a graduate of the University of Illinois with a BS in psychology and a masters degree in library science. She currently resides in Waukegan but hopes to move to the Steger-South Chicago Heights area within the next few weeks.

THE NEW library director was previously employed by the Oak Park public library and was actively involved in all phases of library services.

Ms. Piotrowski's special interest includes service in the homebound and talking book's program and she served actively on the Oak Park and River Forest welfare council. She also was a member and chaired the Oak Park senior citizens committee and was a member of the National Council on Aging and the Library Research Round Table.

Ms. Piotrowski said that she is looking forward to serving the residents of both communities and to meet the challenge of progressively administering a growing library.

Library slates special programs

2/24/80

The Steger-South Chicago Heights library recently announced a schedule of adults and children's programs for March and April.

March programing for adults will include a special lecture on the history of Steger, scheduled for March 22 from 1 until 3 p.m. The lecture will be conducted by Louise A. Michalek, a lifelong resident of the Chicago Heights area.

Health foods, how to prepare them, availability of certain products and prices will be discussed by Patricia Becht on March 26 from 7 to 8 p.m.

A **SERIES** of crewel embroidery classes will be held in April and the sessions will be taught by Linda Anderson on Monday evenings from 7 until 8. A display of crewel work will also be featured during the month of April.

The children's department has scheduled two puppet shows in March. Both plays will be presented by members of the Miss Teen club and are scheduled for March 20 from 7 to 7:30 p.m. and March 22 beginning at noon.

The movie "Sharks" will be shown free of charge on April 12 beginning at 10 a.m.

Persons interested in attending any of the scheduled events may phone the library at 755-5040 for registration and further details.

The library is located in the American Plaza shopping center, 3326 Chicago road, South Chicago Heights.

Library board will greet librarian

The Steger-South Chicago Heights library board of trustees will meet on Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the library building, 3326 Chicago road, South Chicago Heights.

Trustees will welcome the new librarian, Marsha Piotrowski, and discuss procedures for the upcoming trustee elections.

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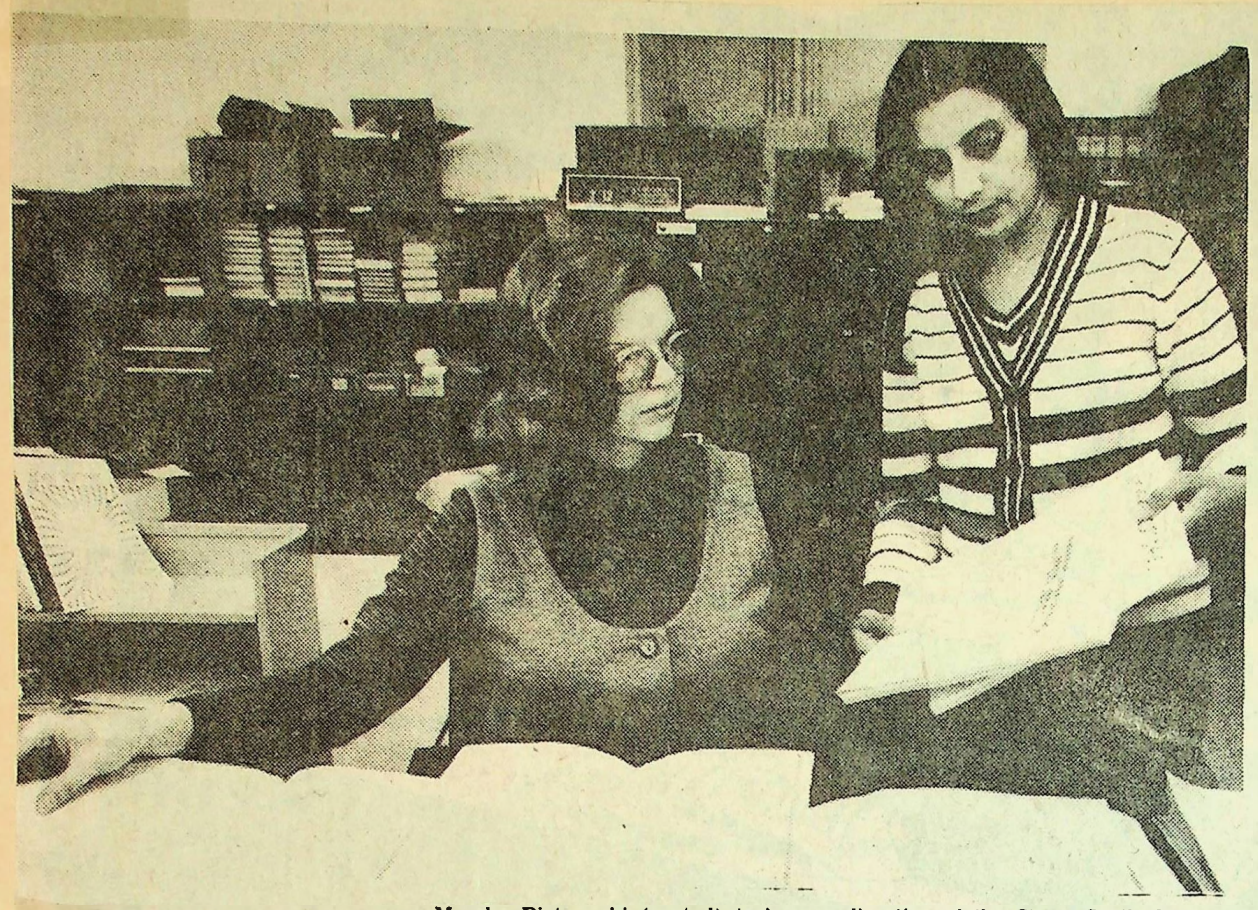
New director of library welcomed



Marsha Piotrowski (seated) took over direction of the Steger-South Chicago Heights library at the end of last month from Amrit Paul (standing). Services to the homebound and a talking book program will be among her pet projects.

Marsha Piotrowski was recently hired by the Steger-South Chicago Heights library district as its new director and officially welcomed during a trustee's meeting February 26.

Ms. Piotrowski is replacing Amrit Paul, who is moving out of the state.

She is a graduate of the University of Illinois with a BS in psychology and a master's degree in library science. She recently moved to Park Forest from Waukegan.

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Library schedules programs for spring

3/20/80

The Steger-South Chicago Heights public library has scheduled a variety of programs this spring at the library, 3326 Chicago road in South Chicago Heights.

A history of Steger will be presented by Louise Michalek Saturday from 1 to 3 p.m., and a discussion of health foods will be presented by Patricia Becht March 26 from 7 to 8 p.m.

A display of onyx animals from Mexico will be offered through March 15 by Phillip and Darren Bivona, students at Bloom Trail and Hickory schools. Crewel embroidery will be taught by Linda Anderson April 21 and 28 from 7 to 8 p.m., with a display offered April 14-28.

CHILDREN'S programs planned include a puppet show today from 7 to 7:30 p.m. and Saturday from noon to 12:30 p.m. It will be provided by the members of the library's Miss Teen club.

A "What's Hatching" program is scheduled for March 11 at 4 p.m. Children will begin incubating fertile chicken eggs, and hope to see them hatch 21 days later.

A movie on sharks is planned for April 12 at 10 a.m. and story hours for children aged three and one-half to six is planned for April 3, 10, 17 and 24 from 7 to 8 p.m.

More information on all of the programs can be obtained by phoning the library at 755-5040.

Teens to give puppet show

3/20/80

The Miss Teen club of the Steger-South Chicago Heights public library will present two puppet shows for preschool age youngsters today and Saturday.

Today the puppet show will be presented from 7 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. and on Saturday from noon until 12:30 p.m.

A special lecture on the history of Steger has been scheduled for Saturday from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. The lecture will be presented by Louise A. Michalek, a lifelong resident of the Chicago Heights area.

Library meeting Thursday night

3/23/80

The Steger-South Chicago Heights library board of trustees will meet on Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the library building, 3326 Chicago road, South Chicago Heights.

The meeting is open to the public.

4/13/80

Library schedules story hour for preschoolers

The children's department of the Steger-South Chicago Heights library will hold a story hour for area preschool age children today from 7 until 8 p.m.

Lorraine Pivarsky, children's librarian is in charge of the program.

The library is located in the American Plaza shopping center in South Chicago Heights.

4/10/80

Library election ends in tie

Steger Police Chief Charles Tieri won a two-year term on the Steger-South Chicago Heights library board in Tuesday's election.

In the same race, South Chicago Heights Police Chief Rennie Smith III and Angelo Petrarca, both write-in candidates, tied for a four-year term.

Smith and Petrarca were scheduled to draw lots last night to decide who would be seated on the board.

PETRARCA SAID unofficially yesterday he would not accept the post if he won the draw, while Smith said unofficially he would take the seat, if he won. If Petrarca wins the draw, the position will be appointed by the new board on April 30. If Smith wins, he will become a board member.

Other winners in the Steger-South Chicago Heights race were incumbents Rosetta Hellmer and Karin Daun, both for six-year terms. Steven Trusgnich, a write-in candidate, won a two-year term.

Winners in East Chicago Heights were Elaine Beck and Sam Laurence, for six-year terms.

In Glenwood, Ron Wentzel and Sharyn Mize won six-year terms and Cindy Rinaeson won a two-year term.

FIVE MEMBERS were elected in Sauk Village, where only 56 votes were cast. Those winners were Nancy McConathy, Mary Springer and Nanette Wargo for six-year terms; Martha Pope, four-year term, and William Rohaly, two-year term.

4/10/80

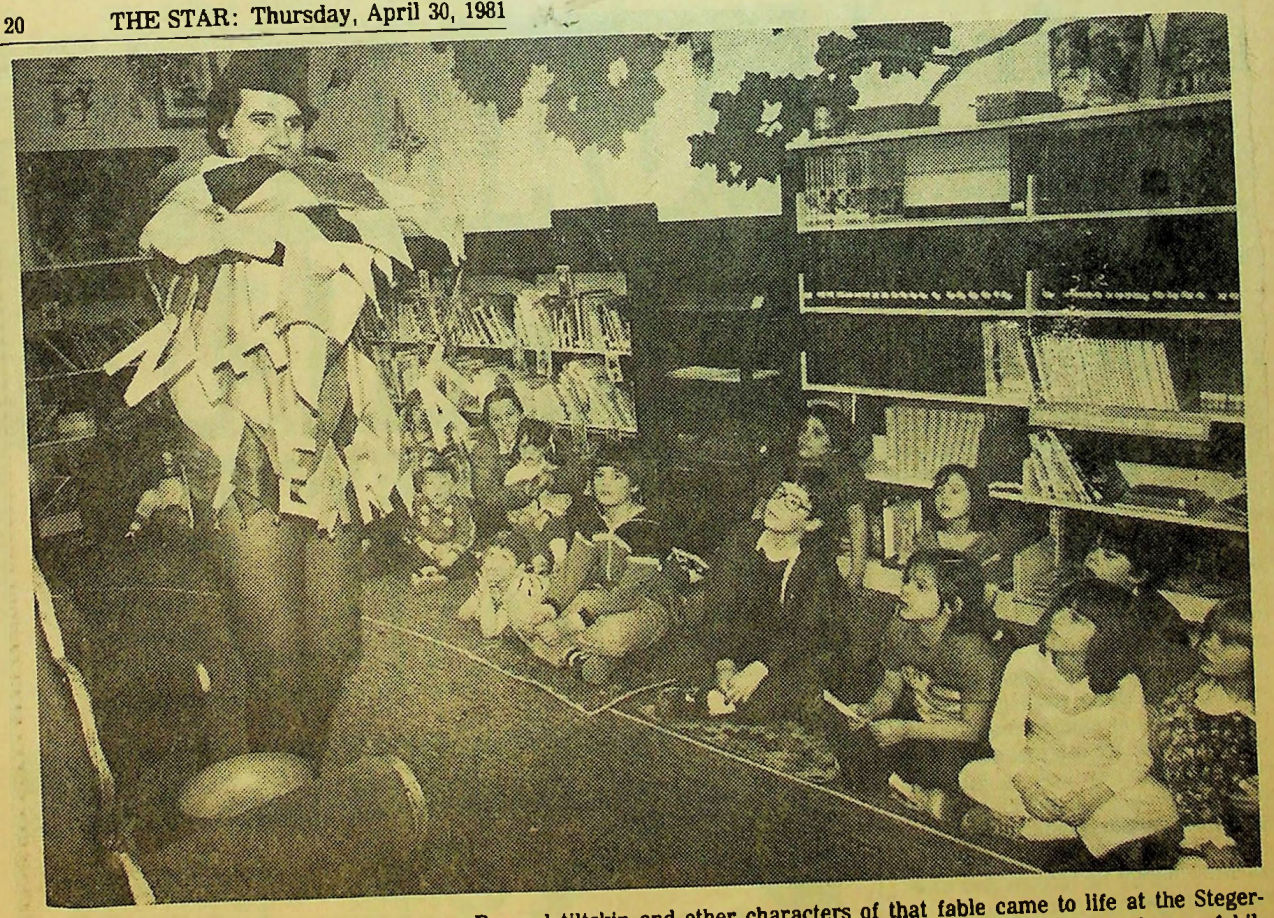
Story hour scheduled at library

The Steger-South Chicago Heights library has scheduled story hours for all preschool age youngsters from South Chicago Heights and Steger for Thursday evenings between the hours of 7 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Lorraine Pivarski, children's librarian, is in charge of the program.

Also, the movie "Sharks" will be shown this Saturday at 10 a.m.

The library is located in the American Plaza shopping center in South Chicago Heights.



Rumpelstiltskin and other characters of that fable came to life at the Steger-South Chicago Heights library recently as the story was enacted for dozens of children during a story hour. Marc Brincivalli, at left, joined Sheila Byrne, Lowell Patterson, Donna Pettry and Mary Milus in dramatizing the fairy tale.

Steger-South Heights library

Sunday, June 21, 1981

Petitions seek recall of board

By MARGARET SELTZNER

Petitions are being circulated in Steger and South Chicago Heights this week seeking a referendum to recall the entire board of the library district formed by those two communities.

The petitions charge the board with "irresponsibility in handling of the taxpayers' money" and will be presented to the Steger-South Chicago Heights library board during its meeting Tuesday.

Karin Daun, president of the board, said Friday she is not aware of the petitions nor of the specifics of the charge they contain.

BUT ANOTHER board member, Dennis Lockett, said he believes the petitions are the result of "several things going on with the library board," and said the most recent example is a trip to San Francisco that three members of the board are taking this month at taxpayer expense.

Lockett charged the library board "is the laughingstock" of area libraries because it voted to send library trustees to a convention of the American Library association, but then balked at sending the district's librarian.

He said a survey of area libraries revealed none of them send trustees to the annual conventions. A survey by *The Star* of several south suburban library districts indicated none of them send library trustees to the convention; all of them send librarians.

Board Member Lockett: The library board 'is the laughingstock of area libraries . . .'

There is a division in the ALA for library trustees, however, and Mrs. Daun said she felt the board benefits from trustee attendance at the convention. Attending the convention this year are board members Mrs. Daun, Andrea Holecek and Rosetta Hellmer. Mrs. Daun and Mrs. Holecek also attended the association's convention in New York last year.

MRS. HOLECEK said Friday that she, too, is unaware of the petitions but added that she felt the charge was unfair. She said the library has been "very responsible" with tax money and said trustees' attendance at various conventions and seminars has benefitted the district.

The right of the library district's taxpayers to recall the elected board members is not clearly defined in state statutes, because there is no specific provision for a recall. Officials of the Illinois State Board of Elections speculate that because there is no provision for a recall, the library board "has several options, including scheduling the recall election."

A spokesman for the elections board noted that voters in North Barrington this spring approved in a referendum question creating a village ordinance that allows recall of elected officials there.

According to Fred Boyd, Lake county clerk, residents approved the recall ordinance in a 234-168 vote.

MICHAEL HARTY of the state Board of Elections said there is no recall provision in the state's Public Library act, and said he believes the only recall provision is one in Chicago that applies to the city's aldermen.

He said that, presented with the recall petitions Tuesday, the Steger-South Chicago Heights library board "could go ahead and put the question on the ballot, but it could be challenged in court."

Conversely, he noted, the board could refuse to put the question to the voters in an election because there is no specific provision for such an election in state statutes. In that case, he said, anyone wanting the recall could go to court for a ruling on the legality of the election.

Boyd said no one has challenged the North Barrington recall ordinance yet, but added that the right of recall has not

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Library dispute aired

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actually been exercised in that village yet either.

ONE OF THE local library district's residents circulating petitions this week, Dennis Henry, said he and several other residents will present the petitions to the library board Tuesday evening during its meeting at the library in South Chicago Heights.

Henry, a former library board member who resigned when he took a job out of town, said he has talked to "a number" of residents who are interested in the problem at the library but indicated they will not sign the petitions until they hear the board's response Tuesday to the petition charge.

Board member Lockett maintains that Mrs. Daun and Mrs. Holecek did not attend any meetings last year while at the New York conference, and charged they used the trip "as a vacation paid by the taxpayers." Both women denied the charge Friday, maintaining they have proof they attended meetings of the convention last year.

Lockett further charged that this year Mrs. Daun called a special meeting of the board March 3 at which four board members present voted 3-1 to send trustees to this year's convention in San Francisco. Lockett said he cast the dissenting vote and the three members approving the measure were the three attending this year's convention.

MRS. DAUN said the vote was "to send any trustee who wanted to go" but that only she, Mrs. Holecek and Mrs. Hellmer are exercising that right this year. Lockett said he declined the offer "in the interest of saving the taxpayers some money."

Mrs. Daun said the board originally agreed to provide $600 per trustee to attend the convention, then later increased that amount to $725 per trustee. Lockett said when he proposed the board send the librarian to the convention, the rest of the board "voted it down." He said he ultimately succeeded in appropriating $300 for the librarian to attend the convention.

Mrs. Daun said the amount provided the librarian is actually $400, and said the librarian agreed to pay the rest of his expenses because his wife would also be attending the convention on behalf of another library organization.

Mrs. Holecek said the board originally refused to send the librarian to the convention because he had been employed in the district only one month. She said board members changed their minds two months later "because by then we knew him better and we were satisfied with him.

Sunday, June 21, 1981

South suburban highlights

• **STEGER** — Petitions are being circulated in Steger and South Chicago Heights this week seeking a referendum to recall the entire board of the library district formed by those two communities. The petitions charge the board with "irresponsibility in handling of the taxpayers' money" and will be presented to the Steger-South Chicago Heights library board during its meeting Tuesday.

Library board controversy Thursday, June 25, 1981

Despite protests, trio leaves for convention

By CRAIG McCROHON

The Steger-South Chicago Heights library board decided Tuesday night to pay $2,500 to allow three trustees and the head librarian to attend the annual conference of the American Library assocation (ALA) in San Francisco.

Trustees Karin Daun, Rosetta Hellmer and Andrea Holecek and the librarian will attend the convention.

However, at Tuesday's meeting, residents voiced disapproval, saying that sending only the librarian would be sufficient.

"THE PUBLIC is not going to buy the fact that three trustees have to go," said Richard Hunt, a resident of Steger. "The number is simply unwarranted."

Hunt brought a petition calling for the recall of the entire library board, but did not present it formally at the meeting. With 98 signatures, the petition calls for "a special election for the recall of Steger-South Chicago Heights library board district trustees. Charges: Irresponsibility in the handling of the taxpayers money."

But Louis Sherman, village president of Steger, speaking out in favor of paying for the trip, said, "I think that if you want to go, you should go, God bless you, and have a good time."

Throughout the meeting, tempers of the board members flared, often leading them to interrupt each other as the audience of 17 library district residents watched.

Dennis Lockett, a member of the board of trustees, charged the trustees going to the convention with "irresponsible and unethical use of the taxpayers' money."

ACCORDING TO Lockett, the trustees attended few local and state conventions, while spending money to travel to out-of-state conferences. Mrs. Daun and Mrs. Holacek had gone to an ALA convention in New York last year. Lockett also explained that most of the seminars at the convention are intended for professional librarians, not trustees.

"What use is a computer workshop when we don't have any computers?" he asked.

He added that after last year's convention, neither Mrs. Daun nor Mrs. Holecek had made any formal presentation to the board about what they had learned.

Mrs. Daun, library board president, responded on behalf of the trustees who will be on the trip. She said the expenses were justified because they can apply what they learn from the conferences to the management of the library.

SHE SAID that last year the trustees re-invested the library's money as a result of an investment seminar at the convention in New York. She brought four pages of handwritten notes to the meeting as proof that she had attended the convention in New York.

But Lockett claimed that investments had been made before the trip to New York, and that any new measures taken after the convention had been prompted by a "salesman" from a money market fund, not a report delivered by Mrs. Daun.

This year, Mrs. Daun said that the $725 per trustee for the trip will pay for only one hotel room for the three trustees while in San Francisco, transportation and a $40 dollar registration fee. She added that three trustees are needed because seminars are given simultaneously.

Mrs. Daun denied that she and the other members have not attended local seminars on library management, declaring they had been to several in the last year.

Lockett and residents, circulating the petition for the recall election, said that the residents will continue to collect signatures and will ask Circuit court judges in Cook and Will counties for an order calling for new elections. Currently there is no provision in state election law specifically for the recall of library board members.

AFTERWARDS, HUNT, who had origi-

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Convention trip criticized

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nally carried the petition to the meeting, said that he had changed his mind and crossed his name off the petition. He added that although he is annoyed by the expenditures for the trip to San Francisco, he will not be "the hatchet man against the board" with such a low public turnout at the library board meeting Tuesday.

During an executive session of the board meeting, Mrs. Daun asked the board's attorney if one trustee can bring a lawsuit against another library board member, Lockett reported. This was later confirmed by Mrs. Daun.

"I feel that the board has been accused of something that isn't true," Mrs. Daun said. "I have to look out for their welfare so I wanted to find out if there is any possibility for that kind of action."

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Priorities misplaced

Even if the Steger-South Chicago Heights library were affluent, it would be a slap at the taxpayers to send three library board members to San Francisco for a convention primarily tailored to professional librarians.

Because that library district is far from affluent, the liberal use of library district funds for conventions deserves the reprimand it is receiving from some of the people in the district.

Taxpayers critical of the junkets have signed petitions asking for a recall election of all the board members, charging them with "irresponsibility in handling of the taxpayers' money."

THREE OF THE MEMBERS of the board — Karin Daun, Andrea Holecek and Rosetta Helmer — attended the American Library association convention in San Francisco this month, each receiving a $725 allotment for the trip. Mrs. Daun and Mrs. Holecek also attended the group's convention in New York last year. The ALA is an organization whose efforts are primarily directed toward professionals in library science, and a *Star* survey of other library districts in this area indicated that most of them send their librarians to the conventions, not the library board members.

The Steger-South Chicago Heights library district needs books for its shelves and patrons far more than it needs junkets for board members. Voters have twice turned down appeals for tax rate increases for the library.

Although the library board members should not have been sent on these ALA trips, that in itself is insufficient to demand a recall election. In fact, there is no state statute specifically covering library election recall procedures. Nevertheless, the library board should have received a warning from the public resentment over the junkets (not all of the board members approved the junkets; Dennis Lockett has been a leading opponent).

It is very difficult for a board to build public confidence and financial support if it has the image of misusing money. Convention trips such as these can damage a worthwhile effort.

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Library trustee trip spurs recall drive

By Steve Kerch

A PETITION seeking to recall the entire board of the Steger-South Chicago Heights Library District is underway in those two communities.

But nobody knows if it is legal to recall the entire board or any member of the board, and even if it is legal, how to go about doing it.

Everybody knows, however, why angry residents want the library board out.

The controversy is over a board decision to pay the expenses of board members who wished to attend an American Library Association conference in San Francisco. On two occasions, the board agreed 4 to 1 to spend up to $725 for each member who wanted to go, and up to $400 for library director Eugene Fisher.

THREE BOARD members chose to go, as did Fisher, and left for the weeklong conference Thursday — but not before they got an earful from several residents and the lone dissenting board member at a board meeting last week.

Board member Dennis Lockett, who last year led an unsuccessful attempt to prevent board members from attending a similar conference in New York at board expense, blasted the other board members again last week. He called the $2,150 for board members' expenses a frivolous use of taxpayers' money.

"I don't believe anyone should go," Lockett said. "There is no reasonable excuse for any of us to take what is a vacation at taxpayers' expense.

"IT'S LEGAL FOR them to go, but it's darn irresponsible," he told the audience of about a dozen people.

Nancy Hunt, of Steger, is one of the people gathering signatures on the recall petition. She, too, questioned the board's use of tax money for the trip.

"This library isn't the most fantastic library in the world," she said. "We don't have a lot of books, and we could have $2,100 worth of books with this money. I can see why the librarian should go, and maybe one trustee, but I can't see why three should go."

THE LIBRARY IS in a storefront at 3326 Chicago Rd., South Chicago Heights, about 100 yards north of the border between the towns. It will operate next year on a $116,000 budget supported by a tax rate of 15 cents per $100 assessed valuation. The library has had five directors in the last five years.

Board president Karin Daun defended herself and the board members who are going on the trip. She said the meetings were useful to board as well as librarians and that in the past the board has learned about better money management and insurance policies, among other things at the meetings.

"As far as the charge of being irresponsible with taxpayers' money, I don't believe it," Daun said. "Maybe Dennis left you with the impression that we spend travel expenses lightheartedly. Which we don't."

STEGER VILLAGE President Louis Sherman supported Daun, and board members Rosetta Hellmer and Andrea Holecek, in their decision to make the trip.

"I think you folks have done a good job, and if you want to go, God bless you, go and have a good time," Sherman said.

Ruth Frame, the deputy director of the American Library Association in Chicago, said that several hundred library board members would attend the San Francisco conference. Although board members are outnumbered by librarians, she said Wednes-

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Petition drive seeks library board's ouster

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day that many of the programs could be of benefit to board members and not just librarians.

"THERE ARE A WIDE variety of programs dealing with current problems of libraries, current solutions to those problems, and current laws relating to libraries," Frame said. "The trustees are given the education the same way librarians are."

Library law is something the Steger-South Chicago Heights library board may become familiar with if the recall petitions are presented to Circuit Court judges in Cook and Will counties, as promised by Lockett. Although there is no provision in Illinois law for recalling library boards, petition organizers said they will get to court anyway with the petitions.

Organizers said they will turn in the petitions when they have a certain number of signatures, but they admit they don't know how many to shoot for. So far, more than 100 signatures have been gathered. There are about 15,000 residents in the district, but only about 300 voted in the last library election in April, 1980. In fact, one board member, Rennie Smith, was elected with just three write-in votes.

Tim McAvoy, the library board attorney, said he has researched the recall question in the state statutes and with the ALA. There is nothing about recall anywhere, he said.

An official of the Illinois State Library said Friday that there was no rule or regulation of the state library that would pertain to recalling a full board.

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THE STEGER-SOUTH CHICAGO HEIGHTS LIBRARY BOARD answered questions from the audience at their meeting on Tuesday, June 23. Present at the meeting were: (l. to r.) Board members Charles Tieri, Rosetta Helmer, Andrea Holecek, Karin Daun, Attorney Timothy McAvoy, Librarian Eugene Fisher, Steve Trusgnich, and Dennis Lockett. Board Member Rennie Smith III was present but not pictured. The board gained public attention when petitions were circulated calling for their total recall due to "irresponsible use of taxpayers' money." These charges resulted from the board's vote to send three trustees to the American Library Association Conference in San Francisco beginning June 26. (Photo by Shelly Matokar)

Library Conference Causes Concern Among Residents

The Steger-South Chicago Heights Library Board held their regular meeting on Tuesday, June 23, and, although residents from both villages awaited action concerning three trustees attending the American Library Association (ALA) Conference in San Francisco; none was taken.

In March, a special meeting of the library board was called, and they voted 4-1 to send any trustee that wished to go to the conference. The board consists of Karin Daun, president; Rennie Smith III, vice-president; Steve Trusgnich, secretary; Andrea Holecek, treasurer; and Rosetta Helmer, Dennis Lockett, and Charles Tieri, board members. Smith and Tieri were absent from the meeting and Lockett voted no.

Daun, Holecek, and Helmer said they could attend the conference and were allotted $600 each for transportation, registration, and lodging. At this time, the board voted not to send the librarian, Eugene Fisher, since he had only been employed for a short time.

At a later date, the board reversed its decision and voted to send Fisher to the conference. He was allotted $400 for transportation, but since his wife would be attending the conference on business for another library organization, no lodging expenses were deemed necessary.

Following this action, petitions began circulating throughout the two villages asking for a total recall of the board because of "irresponsibility in handling of the taxpayers' money".

The petitions were reportedly going to be presented to the board at the meeting, but Dennis Henry, a former library board member and the initiator of the petitions, was out of town and absent from the meeting.

Steger resident Nancy Hunt told the board that petitions were being circulated in the villages and although the board has done a good job, the public can't see three trustees going to a conference and spending that kind of money.

Hunt also asked why the allotment was raised from $600 to $725.

President Daun said that after getting prices on plane fare and lodging, the $600 was not adequate. She added that no money was alloted for food or personal expenses.

Board Trustee Lockett said he can see no excuse for using the taxpayers' money to take a vacation.

Lockett said, "Some meetings are so specialized at these conferences, they are of no use to trustees. This is sheer, unadulterated arrogance."

Daun said, "At last year's conference in New York, we learned of liability insurance and investments, and gained beneficial information for the library. There is an all-day seminar just for trustees."

Hunt asked, "Are you (the board) willing to rescind the motion and take a new vote?"

Daun said that based on the airline tickets and reservations already made, the three trustees and librarian would be attending the San Francisco conference on Friday, June 26.

"So whatever was said here, you're ignoring. After hearing the public's views, you still won't make a new motion," Hunt continued.

"I wouldn't go that far to say we're ignoring the public; I do see the value in attending the conference," Daun said.

Hunt said that she would rather see the money spent to buy $2,000 worth of books and bring the library up to Illinois standards. She asked if a poll was taken of area libraries to see if they were

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Cancer Society Slates Skateathon For July 15

The third annual Skate-A-Thon, sponsored by the South Suburban Unit of the American Cancer Society will be held on Wednesday, July 15, 1981. Skaters of all ages are invited to attend this event that will be held at the Oval Roller Rink in Richton Park between the hours of 12 noon and 10 p.m.

Sponsor sheets are being distributed to park districts, patients.

Skaters may begin skating anytime after 12 noon and can skate for as long as they wish. A $3 admission fee is required at the door and skaters will then be registered and eligible for hourly door prizes; the longer they skate the more chances they will have to win. Other prizes will be awarded to skaters bringing in the most sponsor money by the July 29th deadline.

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For further information, or to make reservations, contact either of the co-chairpersons Debbie Bachert, 672-7604, or Colleen Paradiso, 672-9068.

Library Conference Causes Concern

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sending trustees, professionals, or anyone to the conference.

Lockett said he had contacted several area libraries and the Park Forest Library is sending two professionals and no trustees.

Daun said she had called four or five libraries and some showed no interest in the conference and some said they could not send anyone due to financial problems.

Steger Village President Lou Sherman said, "I have been involved with this library since its inception. I question how many signatures are on those petitions; there are 15,000 people between these two towns. If the board wants their trustees to go to the conference and they feel they can afford it, God bless them. They've done a good job."

Resident George Cisek said, "I feel it's in bad taste to send three trustees when the public is concerned about their tax money."

"I am concerned with this library. If we have money, why the turnover of librarians?" Cisek said.

Daun said the librarians that have left Steger-South Chicago Heights Library had done so because of moving out of the state or for a better position. She said they have also been advertising for a children's librarian, but have only had two applicants without the proper certification, to date.

In other action, the board:

—adopted a $116,399 working budget for 1981-82.

—adopted an ordinance for the annexation of property to the library district.

—adopted a meeting ordinance listing the fourth Tuesday of each month as regular meeting dates for the library board.

After the meeting, Hunt said there were approximately 100 names on the petitions to date.

On Tuesday, June 30, Henry said the petitions were still being circulated in the villages. He would not reveal how many names were listed on the petitions and said no final decision has been made as to when and where the petitions will be filed.

The next regular meeting of the Steger-South Chicago Heights Library Board will be held on Tuesday, July 28, at 7:30 p.m., at the library. The public is welcome to attend.

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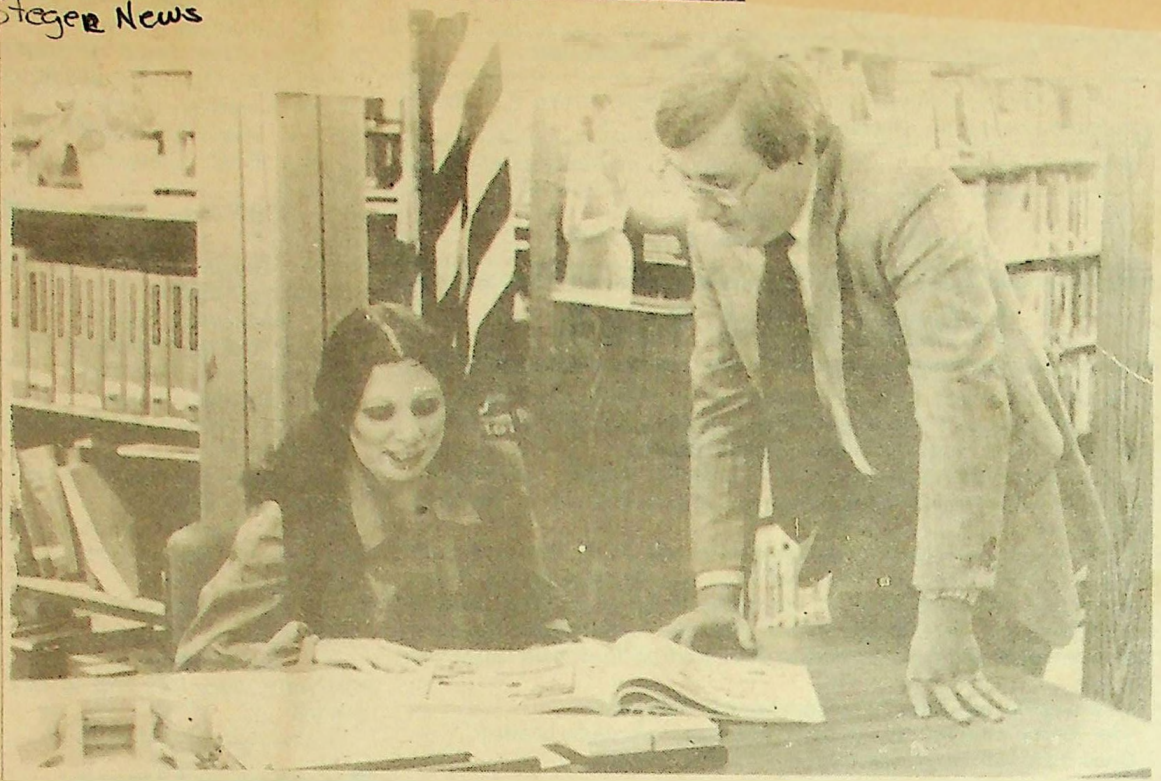

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When the owners of the American Plaza recently increased our rent from $700 per month to $1,050 per month and refused to meet with us or even negotiate our lease until one week before it expired, I knew our present location had ceased to be ideal, no matter how central the site.

The 50 percent increase in rent, plus the fact that they would no longer agree to pay one-half on any maintenance cost to the heating, air conditioning, or plumbing systems, made it mandatory for us to seek another location. And we found one.

A building which we could purchase for at least (depending on interest rate and amount borrowed) $50 per month less than the $1,050 rent on our present location. The building is 20 percent larger than our present location, has good access and parking and in other ways is comparable to our present building.

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Hearing that it would not be safe for the children of South Chicago Heights to walk to the Steger location makes me wonder why there was never any concern about safety when the same members wanted to spend $140,000 to purchase vacant land next to the South Chicago Heights Senior Citizens Center on Sauk Trail. Don't the children of Steger count in their eyes?

The library board is scheduled to meet tonight, Sept. 22, and I hope residents of the district will be present to express their views, which should it be: $12,600 per year to the owners of the American Plaza or $12,000 a year to the residents of the district.

Andrea Holecek
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Library unit's vote in dispute

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quorum, and no library business will be transacted. Lockett predicted if the situation isn't resolved, library district operations willhalt within two months.

Daun was channeling any questions concerning the board action to board attorney Tim McAvoy last week. McAvoy, who is to deliver a written opinion on the board action's legality this week, said Friday that Holecek was present for the votes and that the meeting hadn't been adjourned as Lockett and Tiery contend.

The phone was only 10 feet away," McAvoy said. "She [Holecek] can hear. There are no walls or barriers to preclude her from participating. Her name was called and she chose not to respond.

"SHE CAN'T CONDEMN the board for what she did," he said. "She was physically present. There is no question in my mind that she . . . knew exactly what was going on."

Had Holecek left the meeting, the three remaining members wouldn't have constituted a voting quorum and no business could have been transacted. Although transcripts of the tape recording of the board meeting show that no formal adjournment vote was taken, Holecek and Lockett said it wasn't unusual for the board to agree informally to leave.

"I didn't hear, nor was I aware of what was going on," Holecek said. "I don't know if it's a loophole that they used or what. But they never spoke to me and I never spoke to them."

HOLECEK SAID she had her coat and her papers when she went to make the phone calls. She said she intended to leave, as Lockett and Tiery had done.

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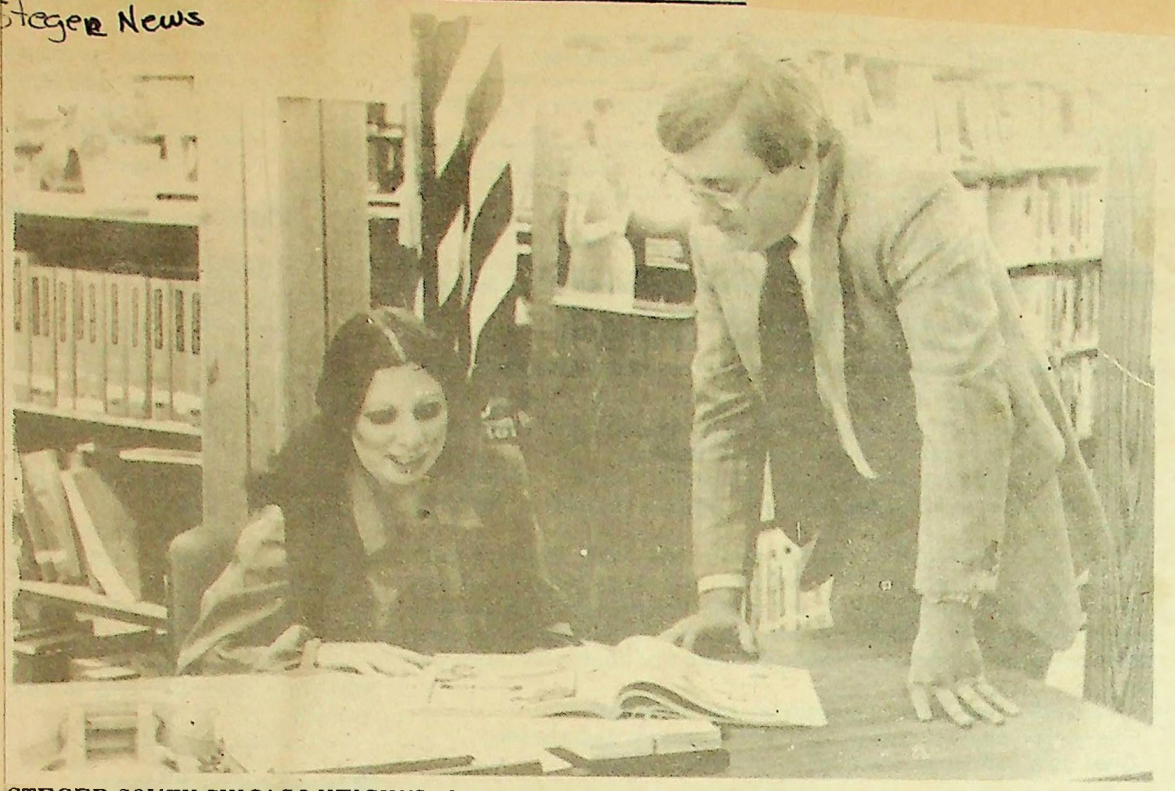

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Tim McAvoy last week. McAvoy, who is to deliver a written opinion on the board action's legality this week, said Friday that Holecek was present for the votes and that the meeting hadn't been adjourned as Lockett and Tiery contend.

The phone was only 10 feet away," McAvoy said. "She [Holecek] can hear. There are no walls or barriers to preclude her from participating. Her name was called and she chose not to respond.

"SHE CAN'T CONDEMN the board for what she did," he said. "She was physically present. There is no question in my mind that she . . . knew exactly what was going on."

"I didn't hear, nor was I aware of what was going on," Holecek said. "I don't know if it's a loophole that they used or what. But they never spoke to me and I never spoke to them."

HOLECEK SAID she had her coat and her papers when she went to make the phone calls. She said she intended to leave, as Lockett and Tiery had done.

The latest split in the board follows a similar fracas in June over whether the library would pay for board members to attend a conference in San Francisco.

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Library board split over site

The eventual site of the Steger-South Chicago Heights library may or may not have been settled Tuesday night — depending on the accuracy of a legal opinion delivered by board attorney Tim McAvoy, on an eventual legal decision from the Illinois attorney general and on the results of possible litigation.

Also hanging in the balance is the appointment of Gary Finnan to a seat on the library board.

Three members of the six-member board contend both resolutions were approved by a simple majority of the quorum that had been present at the board's regular meeting and throughout an executive session.

THE OTHER THREE, however, claim the votes were worthless because the meeting had been previously adjourned.

For proof they point to the fact that two board members, both from Steger, had left an executive session of the board meeting and the other Steger board member was on the telephone.

Board attorney McAvoy could not be reached for comment yesterday, nor could library director Gene Fischer nor board member Richard Smith.

Nevertheless, board member Andrea Holecek and others contacted by *The Star* agree that procedures used during the meeting were somewhat unusual, so unusual in fact that Mrs. Holecek has asked the Illinois attorney general for an opinion on the legality of the meeting and board member Charles Tieri has contacted his own attorney.

"I CONTACTED an attorney because I think my rights have been violated," Tieri said. "I have a vote and I think they took this right away from me."

Mrs. Holecek contended, "This is about the dirtiest, nastiest thing I've ever seen. I can't believe they'd do this. They're saying my presence in the building made me a member of a quorum. It did not."

According to Mrs. Holecek, the board members had finished their regular agenda and were involved in an executive session. "(Charles) Tieri moved to adjourn. No roll call was taken. The attorney said nothing. Dennis Lockett (board member) and Charles Tieri left the building and I made a phone call."

Tieri agreed with Mrs. Holecek's recollection of events.

"I MADE the motion to adjourn and Andrea Holecek seconded it. As we did at previous meetings, we nonchalantly got up, went outside, (Dennis Lockett and I) talked for a while then left."

"With only the three South Chicago Heights members left (Karin Dawn, board president, Richard Smith and Rosetta Helmer), a motion was made to appoint a new board member and one (was made) on the lease," Mrs. Holecek said.

"I didn't know what the motion was. I thought they were sitting there talking. Now I feel disenfranchised. I want at least the privilege of voting."

Board member Lockett agreed with Tieri's and Mrs. Holecek's understanding of events and said, "Andrea always makes a call at the end of a meeting. They counted on that."

LOCKETT CHARGED, "The library stands a good chance of going out of business because of (these) political moves. These people aren't acting responsibly at all."

He said he should not have attended the meeting on doctor's orders, but he did so because he felt his presence would be needed.

"To have something like this happen after I leave the building...it's unimaginable. It's leading to a confrontation between the Steger people and the South Chicago Heights people," Lockett said.

Board member Rosetta Helmer contended, "All the motions were made out loud. Mrs Holecek was right there, within

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10 feet of the table. She didn't respond."

MRS. HELMER SAID the problem stemmed from "where the library is going to exist. If people are going to walk out of a meeting, that's their prerogative."

She said a motion was made to adjourn and that the vote was tied 3 to 3. "The motion died and the meeting did not end."

Mrs. Helmer said Lockett and Tieri "wanted to end the meeting. It was their way of not going any further. When Mrs. Holecek finally walked out the door — about 10 to 15 minutes after the other two — then the meeting ended."

Library board president Dawn said, "Mrs. Holecek was aware that the motions were on the floor and her name was called. She just did not answer."

MRS. DAWN CONTENDED, "We acted on legal advice. I don't want to get into an accusing match because it won't serve any purpose at all."

She said the disagreement between Steger and South Chicago Heights board members was in no way geographical. Rather, the disagreement stemmed from efforts to secure a new lease for the library facility at its current site in American Plaza in South Chicago Heights or to negotiate the purchase of another facility in Steger.

"They're talking about the (building occupied by) Crete Carpet and Tile on Union avenue in Steger. I was told they would be moving as soon as another building was built in South Chicago Heights, but that's another five to six months away," Mrs. Dawn said.

"We couldn't move into that building if we wanted to. We're stuck unless we can find a building that board can agree on, and if the Plaza will let us out of our lease," she said.

ACCORDING TO MRS. DAWN, the library board was given three choices by the "library's landlord."

"We could have had the (current site) for one year or three years for $1,050 a year or we could have had the present building and the premises to the north for three years — all for $1,400," she said.

"The board felt $1,050 was too high and they objected to certain clauses. But the board (became) deadlocked on it. It's as much the board's fault as anyone's. I don't think you can fault the landlord."

She said, "Since we didn't act on the old lease, we (now) have to pay $1,400 for one year's lease. But our attorney's got together and we may be able to go with a $1,050 lease, but they gave us no assurances they'd accept it. We thought we'd try.

"TO A CERTAIN degree we were at fault. This wasn't something that came up quickly. But we've had a total deadlock on this," she said.

Tieri agrees with Mrs. Dawn in that he believes the fracas revolves around the site of the library.

"She (Mrs. Dawn) wants to pay $1,050 (monthly) to rent a building from American Plaza instead of buying a building for $942 a month. We could put $50,000 down, borrow $70,000 from two banks at percentages of 12 and 11.8 per cent. They just don't like it because it's in Steger," he said.

Legally or not, the three South Chicago Heights board members appointed to the board Gary Finnan — despite opposition from the Steger members.

Whether his appointment and the leasing proposal will stand remain subject to promised legal interpretations and possible litigation that could drag the problem on for months.

Steger-South Heights STAR Sept. 27, 1981

Charges continue to fly in library controversy

By MICHAEL WALSH

A swirl of controversy continues over the future of the Steger-South Chicago Heights public library, five days after a meeting of its board of directors resulted in the passage of two questionable resolutions — one authorizing a lease agreement at the library's current site, the other appointing a South Chicago Heights man to the library board which had been deadlocked 3-3 between factions from the two communities served by the library.

The controversy has been fueled by charges and countercharges and by the dissemination of a two-page transcript of the meeting's controversial "conclusion" that both board factions are claiming supports their particular point of view.

The three South Chicago Heights members of the six-member board contend both resoltuions were approved by a simple majority of the quorum that had been present at the end of the board's regular meeting.

THE THREE STEGER members, however, point out that two of them, members Charles Tieri and Dennis Lockett, had left the board meeting and that the other Steger board member, Andrea Holecek, was on the telephone, half a room away, from discussions.

They contend the resolutions were "illegal and unethical."

Board attorney Tim McAvoy, however, upheld the legality of the meeting at the time and since has rendered an opinion that supports that original decision.

Nevertheless, Mrs. Holecek said she and the Steger board members have asked the Illinois attorney general's office for their interpretation of the events and said they expect McAvoy's decision — and the resolutions — to be overturned.

In addition, Tieri said he has hired his own attorney "because I think my rights have been violated. I have a vote and I think they took this right away from me."

THE POLITICAL controversy has now spilled over to threaten the library's existence.

Trustee Lockett said Wednesday, "The library stands a good chance of going out of business because of (these) political

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On Friday, Mrs. Holecek said, "There will be no board business. We've been told not to sign anything and I won't, except for personnel (payments)."

Mrs. Holecek is board treasurer.

THE CONTROVERSIAL resolutions that sparked the flap were made after the board had dealt with particular agenda items and after the board had returned to regular session from two executive sessions.

According to attorney McAvoy, the board was involved in an executive session from 8:48 to 9:01 p.m. and between 9:03 and 9:47 p.m. at its meeting in the library on Tuesday.

Trustees devoted the second executive session to discussion of securing a lease for their building. The landlord, American Plaza, in August had notified the library district about an increase in the the monthly rent and the board has been deadlocked for weeks on a resolution concerning the possibility of selecting a new site for the library.

After the board returned to regular session following the second executive session, Lockett proposed a motion to make a payment to American plaza, the library's landlord.

THE VOTE was evenly divided 3-3 between Steger and South Chicago Heights members and, as a result, the motion died.

Tieri then moved to adjourn, McAvoy said, but the vote was again 3-3 and that motion therefore died.

Lockett and Tieri left the meeting anyway, McAvoy said, and Mrs. Holecek walked away from the table where the meeting had been conducted to make a phone call — "as she had done (earlier) during the meeting," McAvoy said.

Both factions essentially agree on the meeting to this point. The Steger group,

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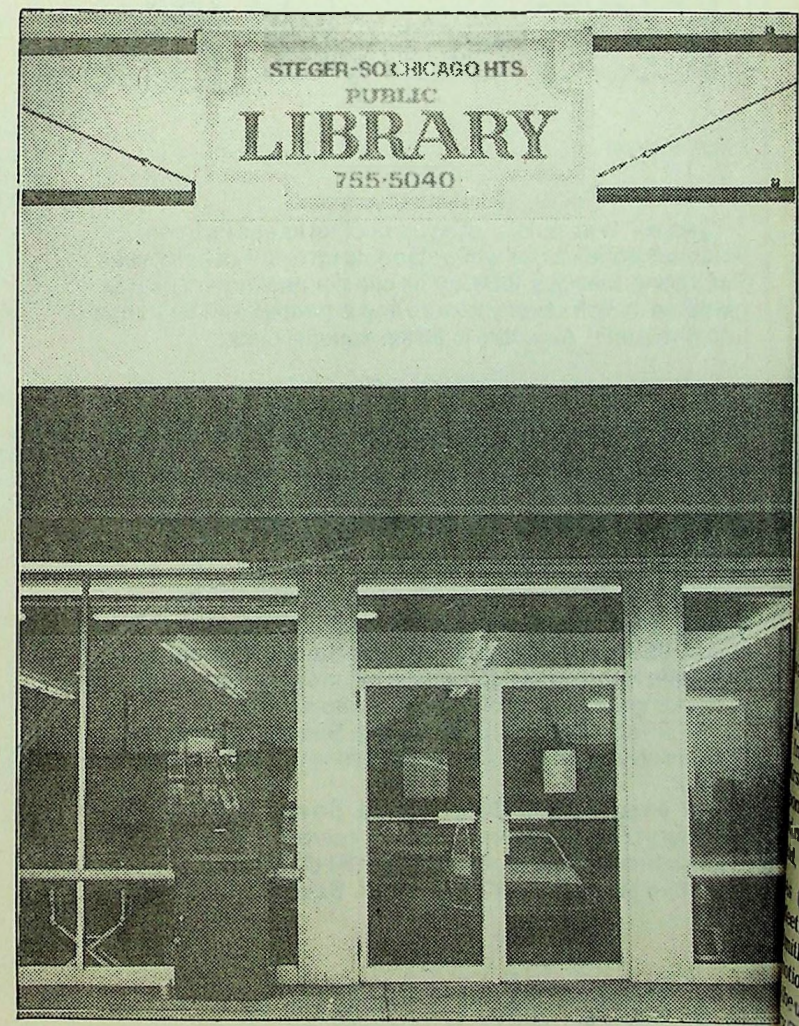

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Again a roll-call vote was taken and again Mrs. Hellmer, Smith and Mrs. Daun voted in the affirmative. Mrs. Holecek again made no response.

As the second vote ended, Smith asked for a legal opinion.

Smith said, "I have a question. I would like to get a legal opinion from our attorney that, in view of what happened, where there is a motion on the floor to adjourn with a second, my first question is, is a roll call vote needed to pass on this motion?"

MRS. DAUN ASKED, "To adjourn?"

Smith continued, "To adjourn. Secondly, specifically, since three of the members of this board left the meeting table before the meeting was adjourned, is the meeting still considered a legal meeting . . . Thirdly, is any business that was conducted after the (?) left the meeting table valid and lawful?

As the board attorney began to reply, Mrs. Hellmer noted, "Andrea just left the building."

Mrs. Daun said, "Andrea left at . . . please note it."

LIBRARIAN GENE Fisher, who took the minutes of the meeting, noted, "Trustee Holecek left at 9:52."

After Mrs. Holecek walked out, the transcript indicates the attorney promised a written opinion on the legality of the meeting. In addition, while the attorney was reviewing "Robert's Rules of Order," trustees Hellmer and Smith wanted the tape recorder to be turned off.

"Why don't you shut that off until he (McAvoy) comes back?" Mrs. Hellmer asked.

Fisher replied, "I would prefer not to turn it off."

SMITH THEN said, "Why don't you turn it off. It's . . . since there is no meeting at this point. That's maybe . . ."

At that point, Mrs. Daun said, the tape recorder was turned off. It was later reactivated, however, immediately before the remaining trustees left the building for the night.

Mrs. Daun said, "Meeting adjourned as of . . . due to lack of quorum as of 9:52 when Mrs. Holecek left the building."

Smith said, "And previous . . . to 9:52 or subsequent to 9:52 p.m. all . . . and any and all motions and any and all business is to be valid and legal."

Mrs. Daun said, "According to the opinion rendered by our attorney. OK."

McAvoy said, "'Robert's Rules of Order.'"

No further library board meetings are planned at this time, Mrs. Holecek said on Friday.

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Steger-South Heights dispute

Meeting minutes fuel library board split, controversy

By PENNY SHNAY

The minutes of the Steger-South Chicago Heights library board turned into hours Tuesday night as meeting minutes and the appointment and seating of South Chicago Heights resident Gary Finnin were challenged and debated as a result of a disputed adjournment of the September 22 library board meeting.

The three Steger trustees — Andrea Holecek, Dennis Lockett and Charles Tieri — plan to file a suit "as soon as possible" challenging any action taken by the board with Finnin as a member, after what they contended was an adjourned meeting last month.

President Karin Daun and the other two South Chicago Heights members, Rennie Smith and Rosetta Hellmer, voted to appoint Finnin after Lockett and Tieri left the September meeting room, and while Holecek was away from the table before she, too, left. The South Chicago Heights trustees maintain that her presence in the building constituted a quorum, making the library board appointment legal.

LOCKETT QUESTIONED the seating of Finnin at the beginning of the meeting, and asked to see proof of his being sworn in as a trustee.

Library attorney Timothy McAvoy said he had the papers "in the office," but Finnin had been sworn in by Judge Richard Petrarca. Lockett, Tieri and Mrs. Holecek got up from the table and conferred for several minutes before returning to the discussion about the minutes of the last meeting.

The minutes were subject to much debate as there were two sets of minutes plus an addition which was submitted by McAvoy. He had typed the minutes from a transcript after Tieri, who is secretary of the board, left the meeting. The legality of this was strongly questioned throughout the meeting by the Steger group. Parts of the transcript were included in the minutes originally submitted for approval, and it was on the basis of some of the transcript that several September votes were challenged.

The board had been deadlocked several times at three-to-three votes since the resignation of Steve Trusgnich, which apparently had precipitated the current controversy.

A 3-3 vote after an executive session about whether or not to renew the lease of the library space in American Plaza led to an attempt to adjourn by Tieri followed by confusion on whether the September meeting was or was not adjourned.

TIERI AND Lockett then left that September session on the "assumption the meeting was over" and Mrs. Holecek went to use a phone nearby. Library Director Eugene Fischer said, according to the transcript, there was no quorum, but McAvoy said Mrs. Holecek was present.

Trustee Smith then moved that Finnin be appointed to fill the vacancy with Smith; Mrs. Hellmer and Mrs. Daun approving. Mrs. Holecek was recorded by McAvoy as present but not voting with the word, "abstain" next to her vote.

Mrs. Holecek objected Tuesday night to the recording of her vote, and stated she had left that meeting. She contended she was not only not present but that it was impossible for her vote to be called an abstention.

The heated discussion of the minutes was postponed until later when the approval was dispensed with temporarily.

TIERI THEN called for a short recess to discuss matters with attorney Gary Felicetti, who was not there in an official capacity according to Tieri, but his request was denied by a 4-3 vote.

In a brief respite before the session continued its stormy course, President Daun announced the Bloom township board had granted $750 in revenue sharing funds to the library and the financial report was approved 7-0. Secretary Tieri would not call Finnin as part of the roll call, so Mrs. Daun asked for his vote.

The board then retired to executive session to discuss the lease situation and personnel.

Trustee Lockett, who recently underwent open-heart surgery, left the meeting shortly after the executive session began, saying, "I just couldn't take it any more."

LOCKETT SAID the purpose of the board to help the library seemed to have "gotten lost somewhere." He said the question of where to have the library had caused much of the original split in the board to the point where it is now polarizing the two communities.

"We're not biased against Finnin," he stated in voicing his objection to his appointment, "but we feel it was illegal."

In June, Lockett had circulated a petition to recall the board, and he said he still believes the best course of action would be for the entire board to resign and have the state of Illinois operate the library for awhile.

After the meeting returned to open session, Smith moved that $1,400 per month for rent be put in escrow retroactive to September 1, 1981, to show good faith to American Plaza, pending final resolution on the lease for the library. The motion passed.

THE BOARD THEN approved the hiring of Betty Doornbos as secretary-bookkeeper and declared the position of children's librarian now open. Tieri moved to change the qualifications of the job to a high school degree and experience in handling children. This was passed 4-2.

Other routine business was quickly dispatched before the subject of the minutes came up again in the form of a motion by Smith.

Smith moved to instruct the clerk or secretary to correct the minutes of September 22, excluding the transcript portion, and including the addendum and submit the document for approval as minutes for that particular board meeting.

Tieri objected to the minutes being un-

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der his signature and McAvoy responded heatedly. Mrs. Holecek continued her argument against including the addendum, restating she felt it was against the library policy for anyone but the person who transcribed the minutes to type them, and questioned McAvoy's authority to do so. She then introduced an amendment to delete the addendum.

BEFORE A VOTE could be taken, Mrs. Holecek moved to table the original motion which was defeated 4-2. She then began to read Robert's Rules of Order on the duties of a secretary, but was cut off by a motion by Mrs. Hellmer to close debate. Mrs. Holecek claimed she did not yield the floor, but debate was closed by a 5-1 margin.

Discussion continued between Mrs. Holecek and McAvoy on parliamentary procedures for several minutes before a vote was taken on her amendment which was not approved 4-2, and on Smith's motion which was approved 4-2.

The meeting was then adjourned with Mrs. Holecek angrily saying there would definitely be a lawsuit filed, and Mrs. Daun and McAvoy denying there was really any big rift on the board. Mrs. Daun concluded, "It's unfortunate, but I don't think there is really any big problem."

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terms. She is Marcella Johnson.

Beck's NIP slate of incumbents includes Edna Mason for village clerk, and for the four-year trustee spots: Grant White, Doris Stone and Curtis Presley Sr.; for the two-year term: Annie M. Cole.

Williams' Community Awareness party slate includes Marquita J. Gill for clerk; for the three four-year trustee terms: Artis Elmore, the Rev. Edward Jackson and Henry Simpson; for the two-year term: Oscar "Jack" Jackson.

IN THE RACE for East Chicago Heights library board, incumbents Gloria Bryant, Anither Fuller and Charles Gordon are unchallenged.

In Steger there is no race; the incumbents are running unopposed. The candidates, all seeking reelection, are: Mayor Louis Sherman, Village Clerk William Hodge, and trustee candidates: Milford Bisping, Alvin Harms and Clarence Helsel.

Two six-year terms will be open on the Steger-South Chicago Heights library board. Incumbent Gail Spila has filed to retain her seat. Other candidates are John G. Gilkison Jr., Jennie Sadus, Geraldine Buss and Stage (single word name).

In Park Forest, three men seek election to the village president's office, while there are five candidates for three village trustee seats.

IN PARK FOREST, Village President Ronald Bean seeks a third term in that office, but faces a challenge from Trustee Dale Zahn and Park Forest businessman Ted Kastar.

Of the five village trustee candidates in Park Forest, only Patrick Kelly is an incumbent member of the board. Also seeking election in that race are Kenneth Kramer, Jerry Mathews, Joseph O'Bryan and John Ostenburg.

Also three referendum proposals will be on the ballot in Rich Township High School District 227 which serves several towns including Olympia Fields and the Beacon Hill section of Chicago Heights.

The issues include a 30-cent increase in the education fund to continue the quality of programs currently offered by the distict; a $4 million bond referendum for equipment, renovation and construction; and a $3 million bond referendum to build auditoriums at the Central and South campuses, comparable to the one at the East campus.

HOMEWOOD RESIDENTS have two slates of candidates for village president, trustees and clerk to consider. Voters will select three trustees as well as a president and a clerk for terms of four years.

The Greater Homewood party (GHP), which has controlled village offices in recent years, offers Trustee Richard Hofeld for president; trustee candidates Betty T. Baker, P. Andrew Lindstrom and Arthur A. Endres, and Judi K. Ianello Rangel for clerk.

They are being challenged by the Concerned Homewood Citizens (CHC) party, which was formed after the GHP slated Hofeld instead of Trustee Manny Hoffman as its presidential candidate.

Following that decision, Hoffman and a number of other GHP members organized the new party, slating incumbent Trustee Judith L. Mann, Thomas W. Kataras and George M. Wolf for trustee and Marjory L. Dalton for clerk.

INCUMBENT VILLAGE President Robert Gooley and Clerk Barbara VanAntwerp did not seek reelection.

Flossmoor too will lose two veteran trustees when its village board reorganizes. Trustees Patricia Paulsen and Forrest MacKinnon will be stepping down. Likely replacements will be Neil E. Cass and John J. Moran, the only candidates on the ballot along with incumbent Trustee Gerald Perozzi for the three available trustee positions.

Bert Reed Jr. will be seeking his fourth term as mayor, and while there will be no name on the ballot for the village clerk spot, Reed has asked voters to write in the name of the present clerk, Marjorie Conway. He has suggested that after the election, the board make the clerk an appointee.

In Olympia Fields, incumbent Village President Anita Healey is being challenged by Michael Akey in that race. They will be joined on the ballot by longtime Clerk Margaret Belvedere, running unopposed, and incumbent Robert Field, incumbent Terry Parenti, Louis Lee, Bryan Boettger, Peter Flynn, Alex Weinberg and Charles Gill for the three trustee posts.

Trustee Beverly Goldberg is not seeking reelection.

There is no competition in the Olympia Fields library and park district races. Incumbents Betty Gram and Patricia McEldowney are seeking to retain their library positions, while park incumbents Nancy Haas and Barbara Williams seek to do the same.

Library lists November classes

In the month of November, Steger-South Chicago Heights public library will sponsor the following special programs for community residents.

Interested persons may telephone 755-5040, or visit the library at 3326 Chicago road, American Plaza, South Chicago Heights, to register. Further information on any of these programs may be obtained by contacting Jamie A. Pickrell, public service librarian.

• Adult programs: next Monday, a craft workshop in making holiday candle rings will be at the library at 7 p.m. Kathy Wazny, of Stitch N' Frame, will also give a professional demonstration on how to make bows and wreaths.

THE WORKSHOP is limited to 15 participants, and the fee of $2 per person must be paid at the time of registration, library officials said.

"Attend a cake decorating program on Monday, November 10, at 7 p.m., and pick up some professional tips to use in holiday baking," library officials said. Bernadette Westberg, owner of The Cakery, will demonstrate various techniques of this art. "Make your baking a special treat this year with tips from Bernadette.

"Christmas cross-stitch ornaments will be made by all who register to attend this program at 7 p.m. on Monday, December 1. Kathy Wazny, of Stitch N' Frame, will also present various Christmas cross-stitch ideas that can be made as gifts or for your own enjoyment. The program is free of charge, and will be limited to 15 participants," library officials said.

• Student programs: "Both boys and girls are invited to attend a special program on karate and self-defense which will be at the library on Saturday, November 8, at 1 p.m. Mark Freer of the Chicago Heights Academy of Self-Defense, will introduce students to some of the basic techniques of karate and the various levels of achievement.

"**NATIONAL CHILDREN'S** Book week will be celebrated this year from November 17-23. Students are invited to participate in our holiday card craft workshop on Saturday, November 22. Two sessions will be held; the first at 11 a.m. and the second at 1 p.m. Each session will be limited to 20 students — so sign up early and get into the holiday spirit," library officials said.

Steger-South Chicago Heights Friends of the Library have scheduled a meeting for Monday, November 17, at 7 p.m. "All those interested in becoming a member of the Friends are welcome to attend this meeting," library officials report.

The Friends are sponsoring a logo contest for the organization during the months of November and December. All those who wish to submit a logo drawing need to pick up an official entry form at the circulation desk of the library. Only patrons who hold a Steger-South Chicago Heights library card may enter.

All entries must be received by December 20. The winner will be announced during the first week of January, 1987, and will be awarded a $50 U.S. Savings bond. Further information may be obtained by contacting Jamie A. Pickrell, public service librarian, at 755-5040.

Library board filing to open tomorrow

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Those intending to file nominating petitions for the office of trustee of the Steger-South Chicago Heights public library district may do so from tomorrow through January 26.

During the filing period for the April 7 consolidated election, petitions will be accepted for library district trustee from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays at the library.

The library is located at 3326 Chicago road in South Chicago Heights.

Five communities

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Candidates begin filing for election

Candidates for election to village, library and park district offices in a number of communities will file nominating petitions beginning tomorrow.

Filing period starts tomorrow and extends through January 26 in East Chicago Heights, Glenwood, Sauk Village, South Chicago Heights and Steger.

Candidates who file valid petitions and do not withdraw will be on the ballot April 7.

IN CHICAGO Heights, filing deadline was December 26, which operates under different election rules from most other municipalities in the area.

A possible primary election in Chicago Heights was made unnecessary when two candidates' petitions were challenged, and their names removed from the ballot.

The incumbent Concerned Citizens party of Mayor Charles Panici will now face the People's party of Robert Swanson in the election April 7.

Incumbent commissioners on the Panici ticket are John Gliottoni Jr., Louise Marshall, Nick LoBue and Eugene Sadus.

SWANSON'S slate includes Dorothy Dill, Francisco Montalvo Jr., Glenda Gray and Dominick "Mac" Faso.

In Glenwood, the Coalition party has slated four incumbents for four village trustee seats to be filled.

Trustees Ole Passaglia, William Asselborn, Marvin Keeling and Robert Hoefler will file petitions this week. Also filing will be John Blakey, a member of the Brookwood School District 167 board of education.

Each of the trustee terms is for four years, except Hoefler's, which is two years.

GLENWOOD village hall will be open for filing from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, and from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday.

Three trustees will be elected to the Glenwood-Lynwood library board. Petitions may be filed at the library, 320 Glenwood-Lansing road. The library will be open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday.

Two six-year terms and one four-year term will be on the ballot.

Glenwood resident Evonne Blakey will file petitions this week. Incumbents Ed Gardiner and David Lampton will seek re-election.

IN SAUK Village, terms of three

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Tax levies for 1987

Taxing districts	1986 tax billed	1987 tax tax levy	Amount of abatement	1987 levy as adjusted	Percent increase	Percent decrease
TOWNSHIPS						
Bloom township	2,278,222	2,336,500	—	2,336,500	2.56	
Bremen township	811,023	806,500	—	806,500	—	.56
Rich township	892,027	925,000	—	925,000	3.70	
Thornton township	2,759,960	2,662,217	—	2,662,217		3.54
CITIES						
Chicago Heights	8,045,503	12,677,891	3,349,975	9,327,916	15.94	
Country Club Hills	737,322	974,658	134,958	839,700	13.89	
VILLAGES						
East Hazel Crest	153,160	171,402	—	171,402	11.91	
Flossmoor	2,136,145	2,246,702	—	2,246,702	5.18	
Ford Heights	119,924		—			
Hazel Crest	1,399,756	1,515,034	—	1,515,034	8.24	
Homewood	2,919,017	4,107,273	1,329,375	2,777,898		4.83
Matteson	1,555,962	1,966,673	363,538	1,603,135	3.03	
Olympia Fields	547,046	517,425	—	517,425		5.41
Park Forest	2,384,135	3,124,174	695,735	2,428,439	1.86	
Richton Park	761,629	845,439	—	845,439	11.00	
Sauk Village	745,184	923,786	2,874	920,912	23.58	
South Chicago Heights	905,565	724,600	—	724,600		19.98
Steger	215,457	267,320	—	267,320	24.07	
PARK DISTRICTS						
Hazel Crest	411,461	416,988	—	416,988	1.34	
Homewood-Flossmoor	1,690,137	1,860,134	120,000	1,740,134	2.96	
Olympia Fields	298,570	363,237	—	363,237	21.66	
PUBLIC LIBRARIES						
East Chicago Heights	40,469		—			
Glenwood-Lynwood	267,771	339,800	—	339,800	26.90	
Grande Prairie	498,433	503,438	—	503,438	1.00	
Homewood		779,730	—	779,730		
Richton Park	148,384	187,925	—	187,925	26.65	
Steger-So. Chicago Heights	102,892	88,248	—	88,248		14.23
FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICTS						
Country Club Hills	624,405	683,886	—	683,886	9.53	
Miller Woods	23,588	40,598	—	40,598	72.11	
Olympia Gardens	4,515		—			
Sunnycrest	21,161	22,000	—	22,000	3.96	
SANITARY DISTRICTS						
Thorn Creek Basin	295,930	264,941	—	264,941		10.47
ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS						
Prairie Hills Dist. 144	3,286,360	3,837,151	—	3,837,151	16.76	
Hazel Crest Dist. 152½	1,324,413	1,390,405	—	1,390,405	4.98	
Homewood Dist. 153	4,551,192	5,580,139	688,500	4,891,639	7.48	
Matteson Dist. 159	4,706,559	7,165,136	1,590,841	5,574,295	18.44	
Country Club Hills Dist. 160	1,625,711	1,899,826	—	1,899,826	16.86	
Flossmoor Dist. 161	6,572,293	6,678,418	406,963	6,271,455		4.58
Matteson Dist. 162	5,853,187	6,689,568	—	6,689,568	14.29	
Park Forest Dist. 163	3,861,795	4,641,506	388,606	4,252,900	10.13	
Brookwood Dist. 167	3,107,189	3,341,913	—	3,341,913	7.55	
Sauk Village Dist. 168	1,173,670	1,476,003	199,000	1,277,003	8.80	
East Chicago Heights Dist. 169	1,739,528	2,478,242	766,075	1,712,167		1.58
Chicago Heights Dist. 170	5,483,994	8,013,956	2,616,500	5,397,456		1.58
Steger Dist. 194	1,451,341	1,554,164	83,556	1,470,608	1.33	
HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICTS						
Thornton Dist. 205	23,152,769	30,833,398	4,549,805	26,283,593	13.52	
Bloom Dist. 206	13,000,738	21,322,462	8,232,071	13,090,391	.69	
Rich Dist. 227	13,064,193	14,729,863	—	14,729,863	12.75	
Bremen Dist. 228	13,155,287	15,282,211	267,113	15,015,098	14.14	
Homewood-Flossmoor Dist. 233	10,326,934	9,767,426	2,475	9,764,951		5.44
COMMUNITY COLLEGES						
Thornton Dist. 510	4,463,071	5,306,162	—	5,306,162	18.89	
Prairie State Dist. 515	3,173,840	3,835,650	424,789	3,410,861	7.47	

Library board president Charles Tieri welcomes Barbara Meyers as new director of the Steger-South Chicago Heights public library. Meyers, a resident of Park Forest, has worked at Thornton Community college for more than 10 years.

Hellmer, Polletta unopposed for board

Rosetta Hellmer and Joel Polletta appear assured of re-election to the Steger-South Chicago Heights library board.

The incumbent members are not being challenged in the race for two chairs at the board table.

Hellmer, 39, has been on the board for 11 years and during that time has served as president and secretary.

THE 16-YEAR resident of South Chicago Heights is a graduate of Bryant Stratton business school and is now a substitute teacher in Steger School District 194.

She and her husband, William, have one child.

"I've been on the board since its conception. I've been a part of the making of all the policies. I feel very strongly about our children's programming. I've made my opinions known," Hellmer said.

Hellmer said she looks forward to the opening of the new library in Steger and plans to push for extended hours and more programs for patrons.

"HOPEFULLY, we'll be in by June," she said, adding that there will be an additional 15,000 square feet and a meeting room in the new facility.

"We need a permanent structure, not just a storefront. It will be very beneficial to both communities," Hellmer explained.

"I don't foresee any problems over the next few years. As far as the budget goes, we've always been in the black and I want to continue to do that. I've been really happy to serve the people over the last 11 years and I feel I've done a good job representing the people," she added.

Polletta, 25, is a lifelong resident of South Chicago Heights. He is a graduate of Bloom Trail high school and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).

HE WAS appointed to fill a vacancy on the library board more than a year and a half ago. He works in the technical department at Applied Systems.

Polletta and his wife, Janice, have two children.

"I feel that my major achievement has been that I've helped with the new building. I always like to see the community grow. The usage of the library is very important to both communities," Polletta said.

"Based on the first expansion, we will have two to three times more books than we have now. And this is going to give the district its own library rather than just a storefront," he said.

McConathy vote will decide four library board seats

Taxpayers who help support the Nancy L. McConathy public library district will have an opportunity to vote for candidates who wish to represent them on the library board of trustees.

In Tuesday's election, voters of School District 168 in Sauk Village may cast ballots to seat three candidates to six-year terms and one to a two-year term.

The candidates for six-year seats are Arlayne Amaro, Ralph Benard, Linda Holmberg and Betty Louise Prairie.

Vying for the two-year term are Carol Bradtmiller and Daniel Senese.

Polls will be open at all seven of the village precincts from 6 a.m. til 7 p.m.

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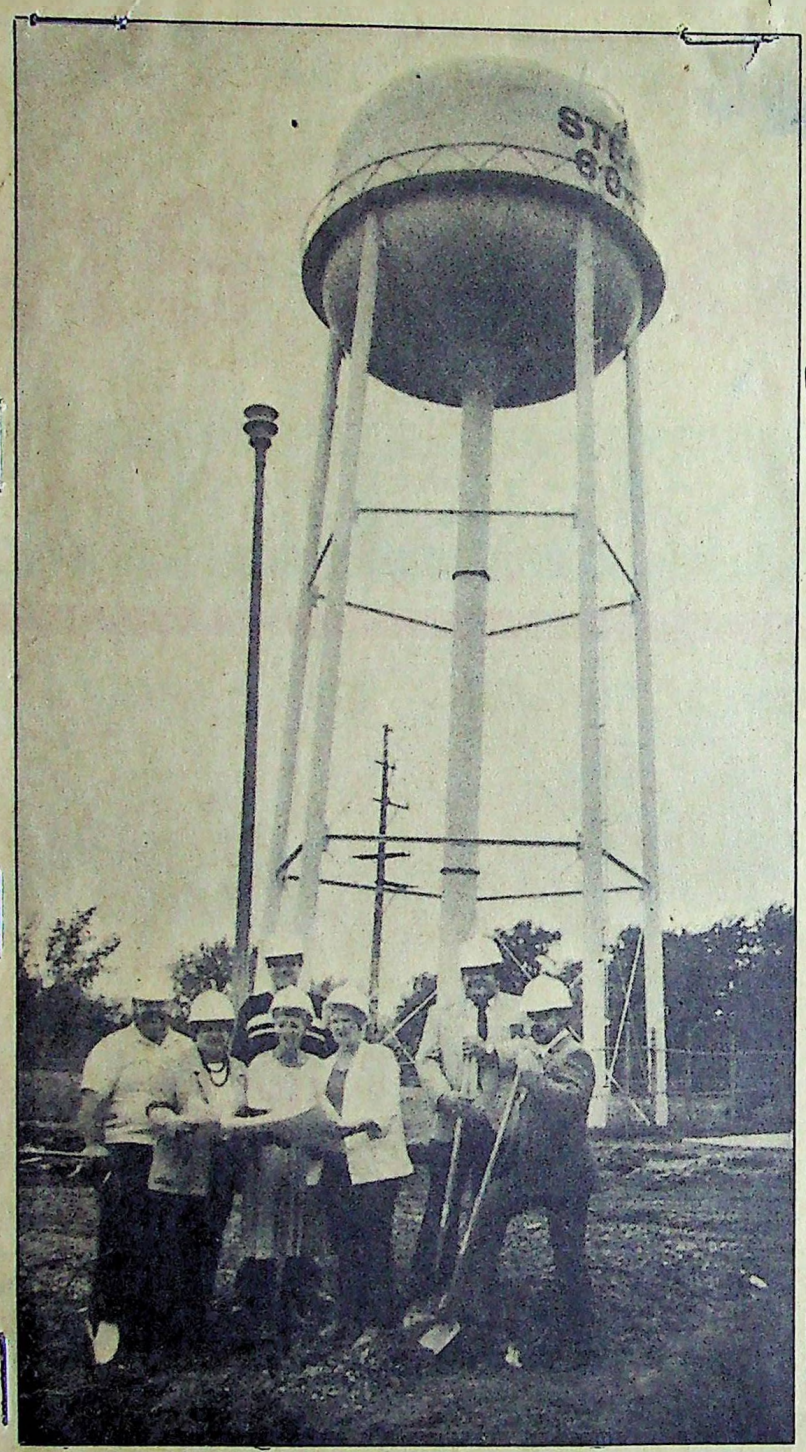
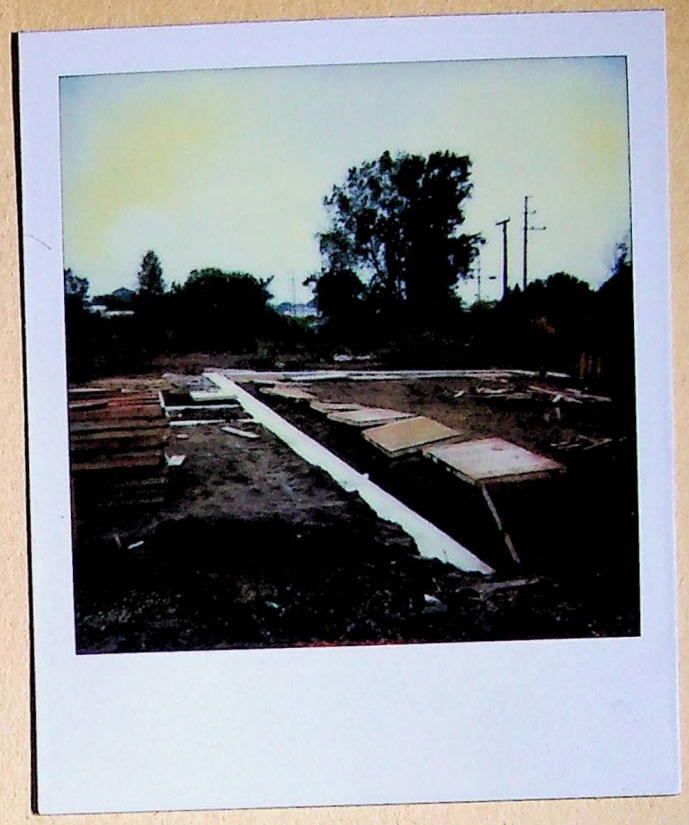
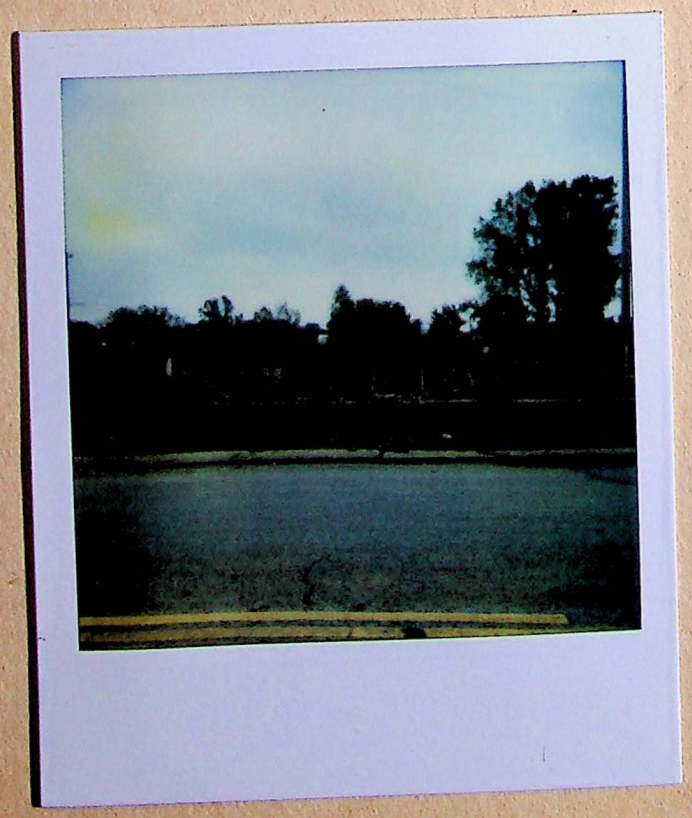
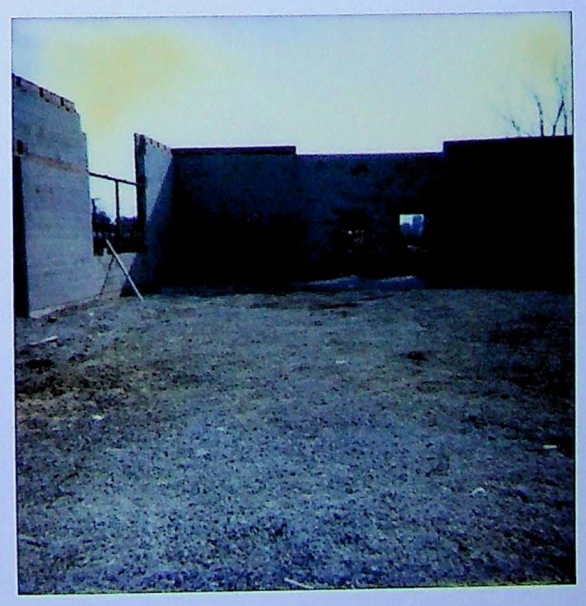
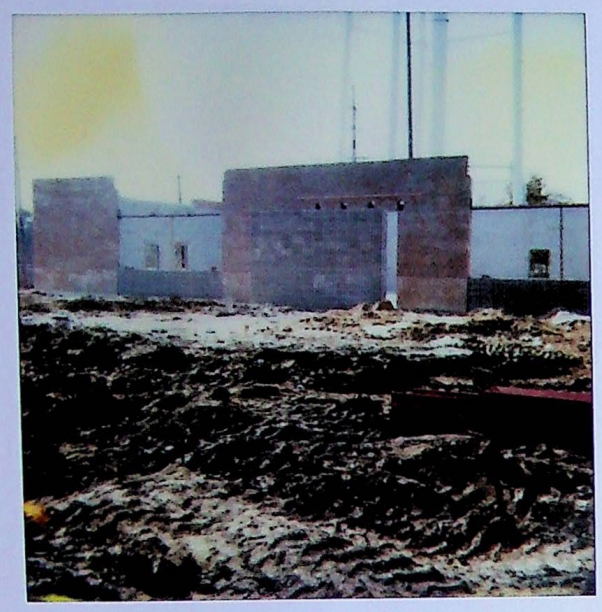


Steger-South Chicago Heights library board members examine plans last week for the district's new library, a 5,000-square-foot building that will house 40,000 volumes, seat 36 adults, and have room for 50 people in a special multipurpose facility. It will be located on East 31st street in Steger. The groundbreaking board members are (left to right) John Gillison, Rosetta Helmer, Anthony Santori, Gail Spila, Carolyn Quinell, board president Charles Tieri and Joel Polletta. (*Star* Photo by Phil Faso).









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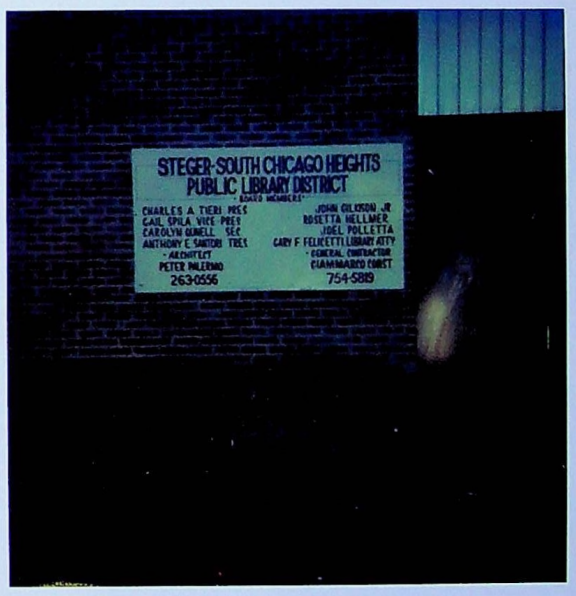

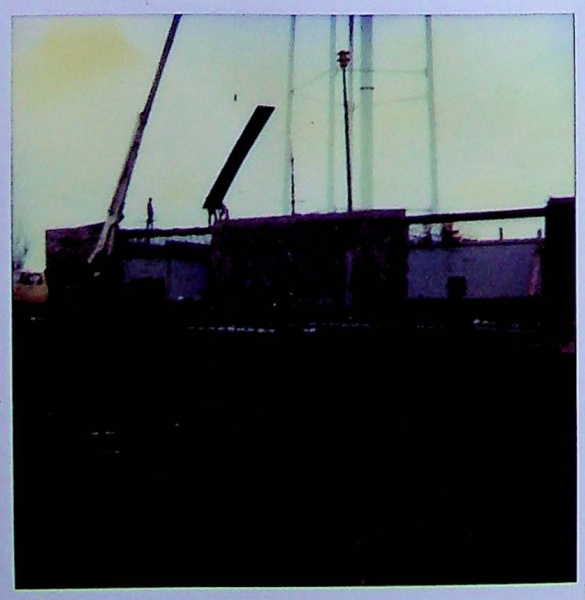

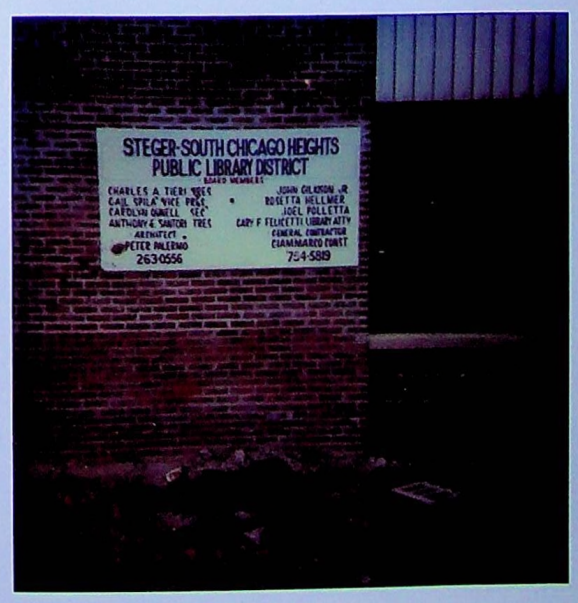

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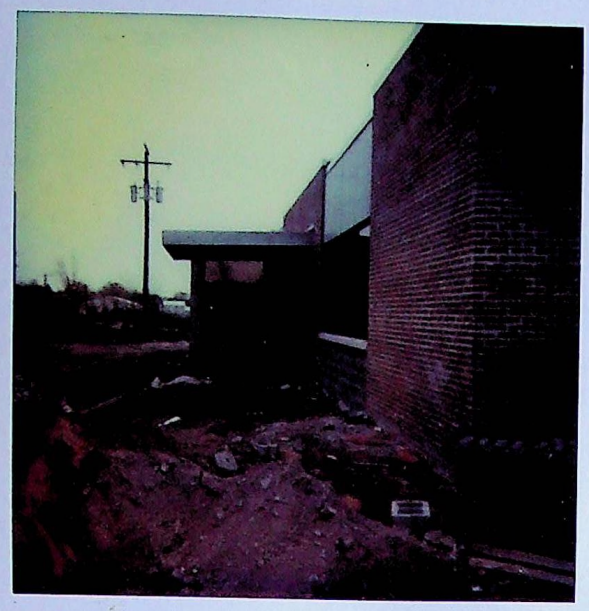

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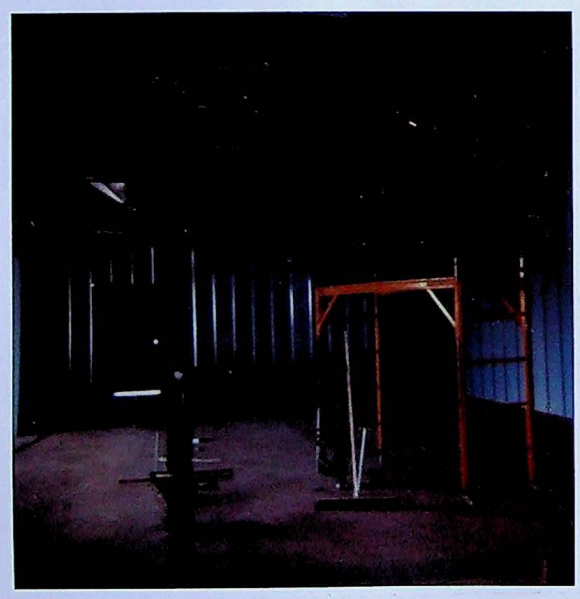

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Library reaches record circulation

Since the opening of a new library building June 17, the Steger-South Chicago Heights library has broken a record in circulation.

Circulation has topped 400 three times within the last four weeks. On June 22, the circulation reached 480 and climbed to 581 on July 1.

The library, on average, adds 170 new cards a month. However, during the first two weeks of business at the new building, the library added 246 new cards.

Steger-South Heights library sets multipurpose room policy

Steger-South Chicago Heights library district board of trustees have set a policy for use of the multipurpose room in the new library, 54 East 31st street, Steger.

Under the new policy, the library will offer meeting space to cultural, educational and civic groups sponsored by and composed of at least 50 percent residents of the library district. There is no cost for the use of the room, according to library policy.

More information is available by telephoning Barbara Meyers at 755-5040.

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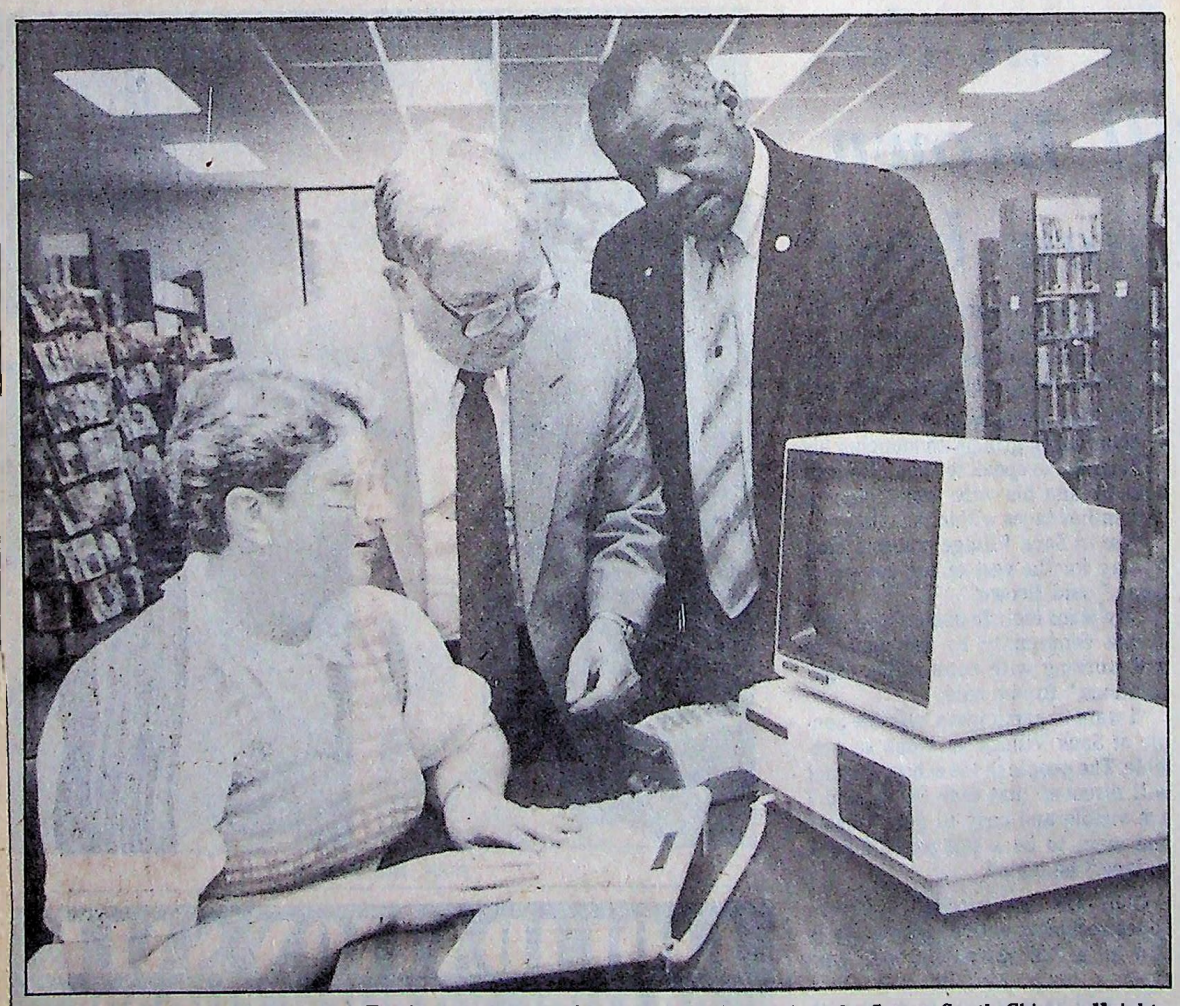

Testing out a new microcomputer donated to the Steger-South Chicago Heights public library by the South Chicago Heights Kiwanis club are (left to right) Librarian Barbara Meyer, Kiwanis club award chairman Howard Joelson and club President Dennis Lockett.

Steger-South Heights library to move

Steger-South Chicago Heights Public library will be moving into its new library building in early June. The library will be closed from June 1 to June 17. On Wednesday, June 17, the library will be opening at its usual time, 9:30 a.m., but at its new address: 54 East 31st street, Steger. Library hours will remain the same: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Further information may be obtained by calling Barbara Meyers, library director, at 755-5040.

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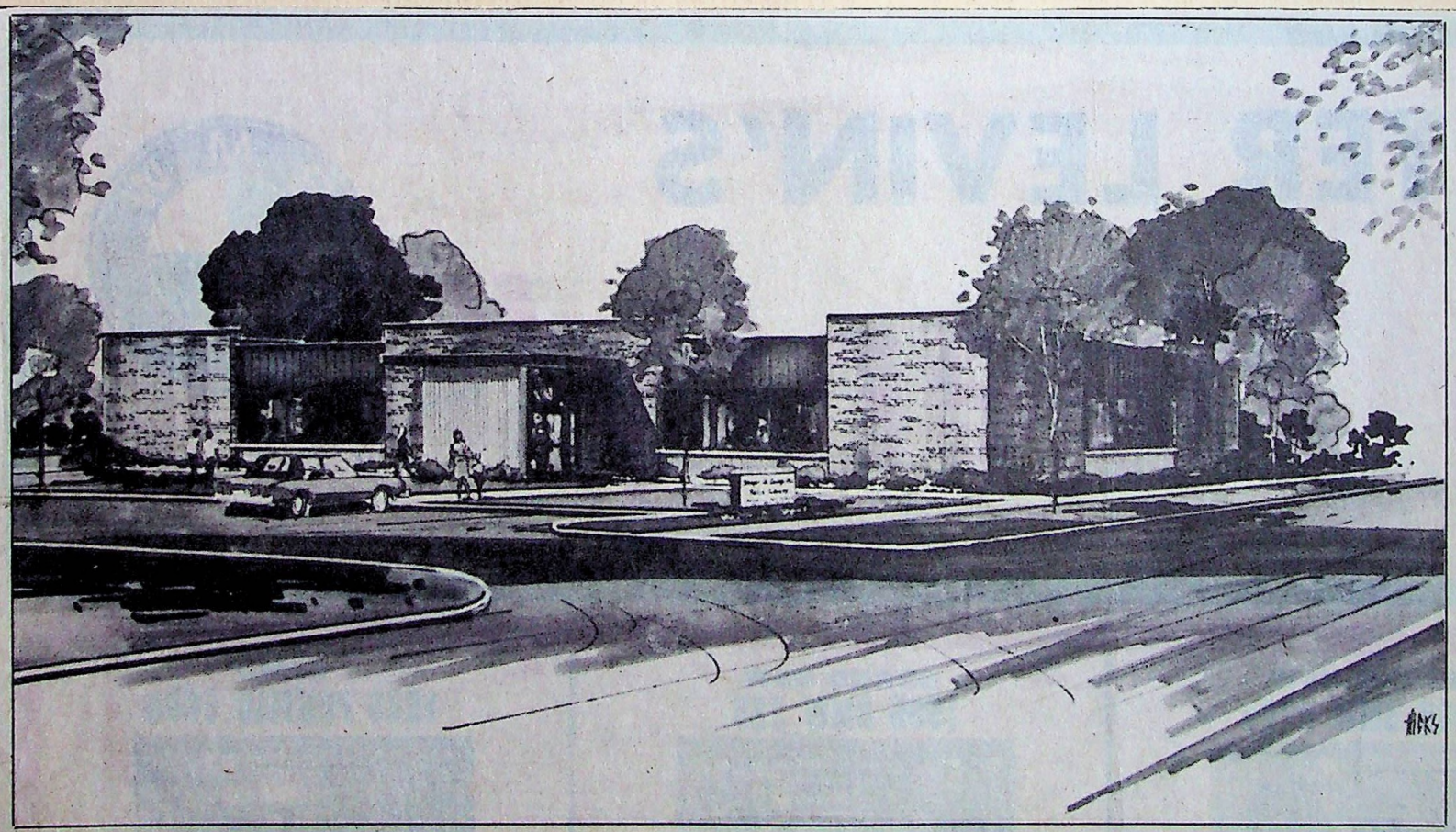
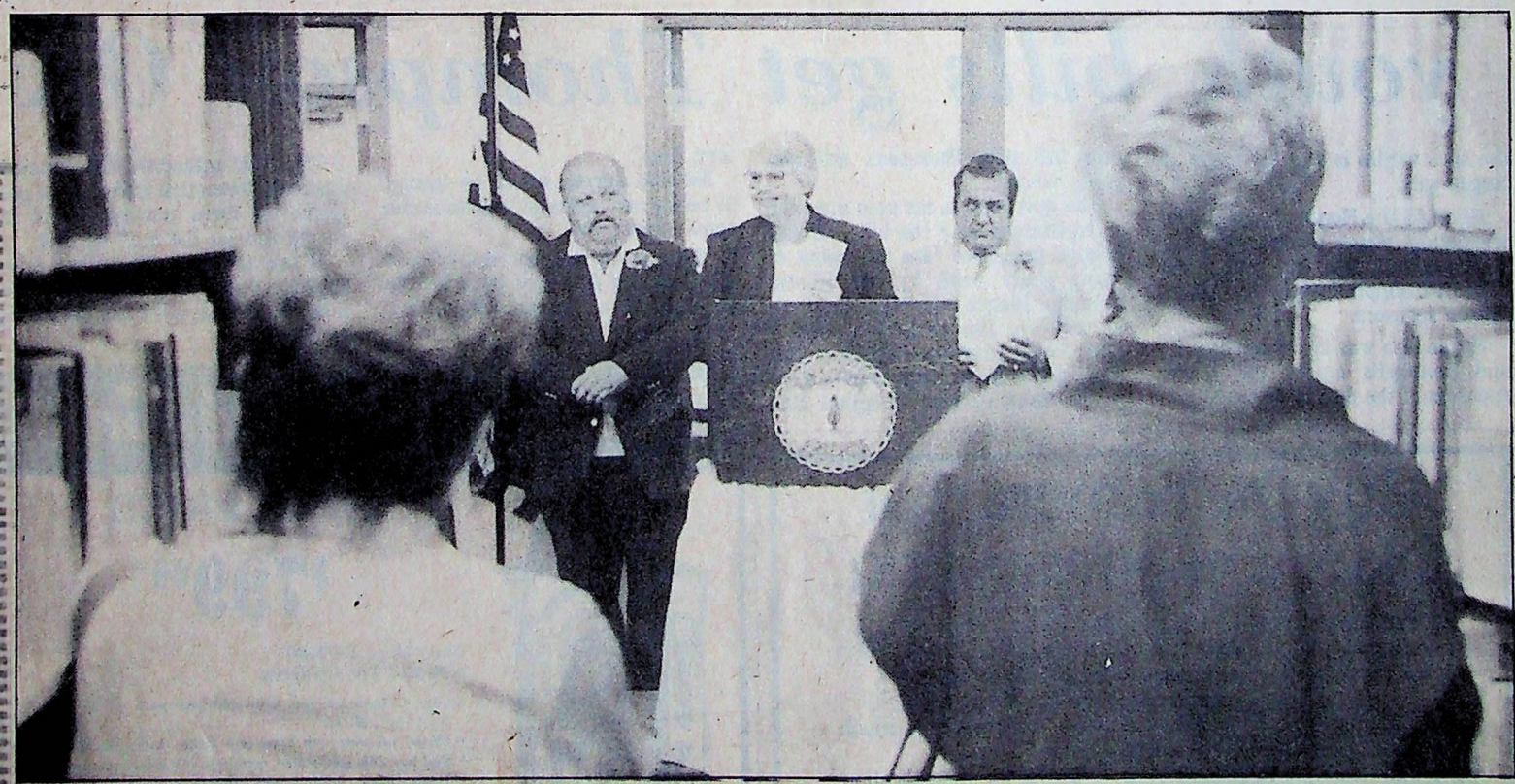


Plans are being finalized for construction of a new Steger-South Chicago Heights library to be built at 31st and Union streets in Steger. Pictured above is the architect's rendition of what the new facility will look like. Construction of the $325,000 building is expected to begin this fall. The new library will be able to house 40,000 volumes and sit 24 people. The current facility at 3326 Chicago road holds 18,000 volumes and seats eight.

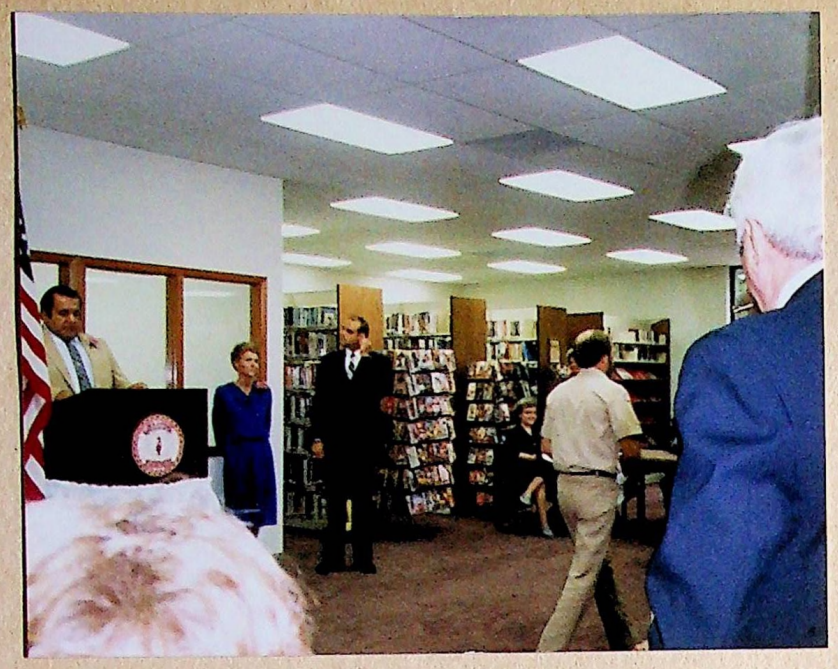
Library dedication ceremony Sunday

Library dedication is Sunday at 3 to 5 p.m. for the new Steger-South Chicago Heights public library, 54 East 31st street, Steger.

The public is welcome to the ceremony, which will include a ribbon-cutting, the gift of a flag from U.S. Rep. Jack Davis (R-Fourth), refreshments, speeches and an open house of the new facility.



Sue Flickinger, president of the Friends of the Steger-South Chicago Heights Library district, is one of the participants in the dedication program for the new library. At left is John Gilkison, a member of the board of trustees, and at right is Charles Tieri, president of the board.



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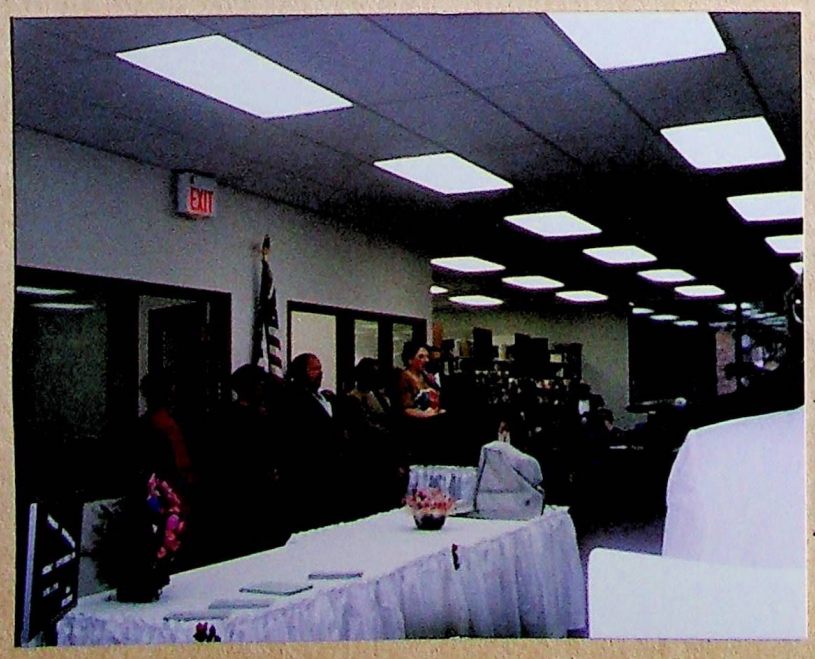
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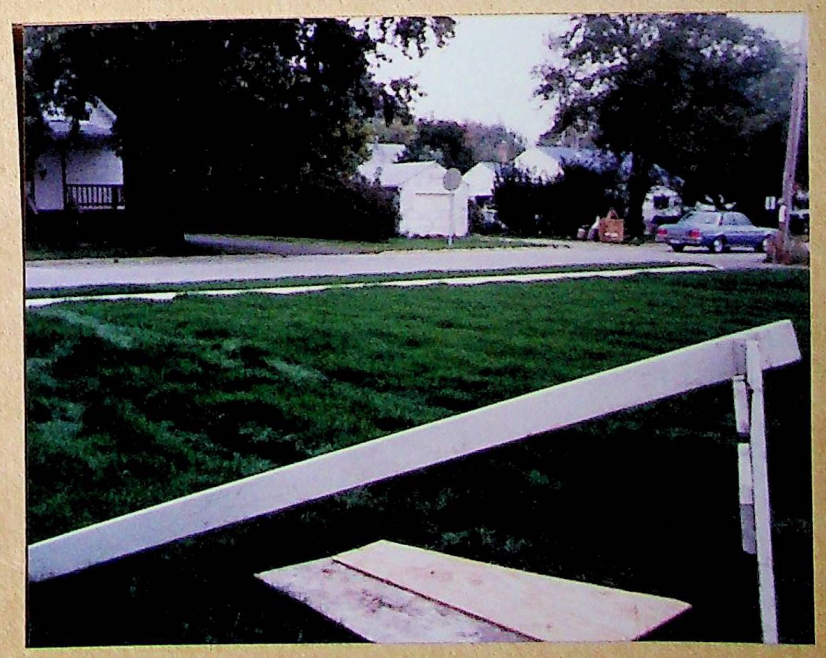

The shiny, new bicycle rack pictured in the foreground was donated to the Steger-South Chicago Heights Public library last month by the South Cook county Girl Scouts. The girls made providing the library with this much-needed item their project and earned the funds through recycling and other fund raising events. (*Star* photo by Carol Dorsett)

Marie Mattson, the president of the Friends of the Steger-So. Chicago Heights Public Library, wishes to thank the following people for their contributions to our drive:

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- Dorothy Bogan
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- Mari Jo Higgins

- Steger Memorial Chapel
- Steger Cleaners & Clothiers (Herman Sports)
- Pelock Upholstery (Larry Pelock)
- Variety Wine & Liquors
- Steger Flower Shop
- Marvell Bakery

Library boosted by donors

To the Editor:

The Friends of the Steger-South Chicago Heights public library district have had a successful fund-raising campaign.

During the past six weeks, cash and checks in the amount of $580 have been collected for the library. The money will be used to purchase two additional card catalog units to add to the existing ones. These units should be delivered within the next three weeks and we hope that everyone will come to the library to see where their money went.

We want to thank (all the donors) for their generous gifts.

Barbara J. Meyers
Steger-South Chicago Heights
Library District

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Letters may be edited for reasons of brevity, clarity or legality.

Steger-South Heights referendum

Library district seeks tax hike, again

Last spring, voters in the Steger-South Chicago Heights library district rejected a proposal that would have nearly doubled the tax rate in the library district.

Next month, library district residents again will be asked to vote on the tax hike proposal, which seeks to increase the district's tax rate from 15 cents per $100 of assessed valuation to 29 cents.

The same referendum that was defeated by voters last March will appear on the November 8 election ballot. That question is: "Shall the annual public library tax rate for the Steger-South Chicago Heights Public Library district, Cook and Will counties, Ill., be established at .29 percent of full fair cash value instead of at .15 percent, the maximum rate otherwise applicable to the next taxes to be extended?"

Both Barbara Meyers, library director, and Charles Tieri, library board president, urged residents to vote in favor of the proposal.

Meyers pointed out that the current .15 percent tax rate "is the same rate the district started out with when it began 14 years ago."

That rate also "is the minimum rate the state of Illinois requires for libraries," she said.

"The library is run by establishing levies. The levy for audit and for liability insurance can be raised without referenda," Meyers explained. "The corporate fund levy, or the money used to run the library,

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Library trims hours to cut costs

Steger-South Chicago Heights public library's new hours will take effect tomorrow.

The library now will open at 10 a.m. Monday through Saturday.

It will close at 8 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday and at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Friday and Saturday.

THE CHANGE trims five hours from the old operational schedule.

In another cost-saving move, the library will begin charging one dollar for video rentals.

In the past, the library rented approximately75 percent of the videos free of charge, a library spokesman said.

Now, video rentals will cost one dollar for each tape for three days of viewing.

A referendum to raise the library's tax rate from 15 cents per $100 of equalized assessed valuation to 29 cents failed last month by a three to one margin.

Following the defeat of the proposition, Barbara Myers, library director, predicted that library hours and services would have to be cut. However, she said at that time that the "final decision" would be up to the library board.

Library director tells need for tax rate hike

By BARRY GANTENBEIN

An increase in the tax rate for the Steger-South Chicago Heights public library district is needed because the district has had the same tax rate since its inception 13 years ago, according to Barbara Myers, library director.

The library district has a referendum question on Tuesday's election ballot asking voters to approve a tax rate increase of 14 cents per $100 of assessed valuation. The district's current tax rate is 15 cents.

"We haven't had an increase in the 13 years we've been in existence," Myers said. "Any increases we've had are the result of increases in the equalized assessed valuation."

HOWEVER, Myers pointed out that the equalized assessed valuation (EAV) in the district has remained constant in recent years.

"In the last four years there's been no increase in equalized assessed valuation, so our budget has remained the same for the

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Library plans book sale

The Friends of Steger-South Chicago Heights public library will sponsor a book sale starting Friday and continuing through October 20 during regular library hours. Paperbacks, hardbacks, fiction and nonfiction books will be available. The library is located at 54 East 34th street in Steger. For more information persons may call 755-5040.

Library district meeting cancelled

Wednesday's meeting of the South Chicago Heights Library district is cancelled.

The board's next meeting is scheduled for January 25 at 7:30 p.m.

Library has help for disabled

The Steger-South Chicago Heights has information on visual and physical handicaps.

The circulation clerk can lead individuals to the resources that can best serve their needs and especially to names and addresses of local and state agencies that help handicapped people.

The library also has large print books and catalogs of books on tape for those who need them.

Library district to conduct book sale

Steger-Chicago Heights public library district will conduct a four-day book sale from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the library, 54 East 31st street.

Persons wishing to donate books in good condition may call the library at 755-5040.

Steger

The Village of Steger elections, like Ford Heights and Sauk Village, have plenty of candidates to choose from. Two parties and a handful of independents are vying for village president, clerk and trustee slots.

Running under the Incumbent Party banner are: Louis Sherman for village president, Alvin Harms for clerk and Milford E. Bisping, Clarence T. Helsel and Carmen S. Recupito for trustee.

Better Government Party candidates are Arthur Holecek for president, Susan Vadeboncoeur for clerk and Albert Martinez Jr., Kenneth Jay Schweda and John N. Zurisk for trustee.

Independent trustee candidates are: David W. Hensley, Robert A. "Bobby" Joyce, James J. Piacentini and Barry L.Pruett for trustee seats. No independents are running for village president.

Kathi Reifess is an independent candidate for village clerk.

Residents of the Steger-South Chicago Heights Library District also will elect trustees. Five candidates are vying for three board spots.

The candidates are Dorothy Bogan, Carolyn Qunell, Charles Tieri, Patricia L. Donahue and James Pasqualoni.

Steger PTA

Patricia Donahue of Steger, president of Steger PTA, has previously held positions of secretary and treasurer.

Patricia Donahue

She is a member of Bloom Trail Band Boosters, the Eternal Flame War Memorial Committee, and the Historical Society of Steger. Co-chairman of St. Jude Bikeathon, Donahue serves as a Steger-South Chicago Heights Library trustee. She has also been actively involved in Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and Little League in Steger.

Promoting the welfare of children, raising the standards of home life, and securing adequate laws for the care and protection of children are some of the goals the Steger PTA works to attain. The PTA would also like to bring the home and the school closer to each other.

Other officers are Betsy Peek of Mokena, first vice president; Darlene Imber of Chicago Heights, second vice president; Barbara Recupito of Steger, secretary; and Janet Ladalski of South Chicago Heights, treasurer.

Members also reside in Park Forest.

Meetings are conducted the second Tuesday of every other month at 7 p.m. at Central Junior High School.

More information is available at (312) 755-0022.

Library election set for April

Four seats on the Steger-South Chicago Heights public library district board of trustees will be up for election in April, 1989, according to Carolyn Qunell, secretary of the board.

Any resident of South Chicago Heights or Steger who is a registered voter is eligible to run for a seat on the board.

Three of the seats are for six-year terms and one is a four-year term to complete the term of Joel Poletta who resigned.

The four seats up for election are currently held by Charles Tieri, Anthony Santori, Carolyn Qunell and Dorothy Bogen.

Residents of the library district who are interested in running for the board may pick up nominating petitions and other election materials at the library, 54 East 31st street, Steger.

Library seeks tax rate hike

Voters in Steger-South Chicago Heights public library district will be asked to vote Tuesday on a referendum to approve a tax rate increase of 14 cents on $100 of assessed valuation.

The district's current tax rate is 15 cents.

That is the same rate the district began with 13 years ago, according to Barbara Myers, library director.

THE ONLY new monies the district has gained over the years came as a result of increases in the equalized assessed valuation, which has remained constant in recent years, she noted.

"We just can't live on the same EAV," Meyers said.

If approved by the voters, the tax bill for a a person owning a $45,000 home in Cook county would jump from $19.35 to $31.95. For a similar property in Will county, the tax bill would climb from $27.63 to $44.66.

New money will help the district expand services and hours. The increase also will allow the library to again offer adult programs free of charge, Myers said.

Library cuts loom as tax hike defeated

By KIMBERLY LINK

The defeat of a Steger-South Chicago Heights library referendum in Tuesday's election may force the library district to cut hours and programs.

"We had planned a list of things that would occur if we lost. Hours are going to have to be cut. Programs and services are going to have to be cut. But the board is going to have to make the final decision," said Barbara Myers, library director.

Voters within the library district overwhelming voted against the referendum proposition, which called for a tax rate increase of 14 cents on $100 of assessed valuation.

THE REFERENDUM proposal was shot down by a three-to-one margin; only 341 ballots were cast in favor of the tax rate hike, while 1,015 were cast against it.

The current tax rate in the library district is 15 cents. That tax rate has remained the same for the 13 years the district has been in existence.

Myers said she did not know why the residents within the Steger-South Chicago Heights public library district turned down the proposal.

"We had flyers out. We spoke on WCGO and *The Star* had a number of articles on it. And we had some community members working on it.

"**WE WERE** very disappointed. People were quite shocked. We got the tallies early. Each one (of the board members getting results) would come in and say, 'I hope yours is better than mine,'" Myers said.

"We will probably not buy anymore video or audio cassettes. And we're definitely going to be cutting hours. We had hoped to expand the hours. We're open three nights a week now. We may cut hours all the way across."

Myers pointed out that the district had also made plans for spending the additional revenue if the referendum had been approved.

"We were going to have a quarterly newsletter and expand the budget. And we were going to have free adult services."

She added that the board will discuss the library district's current financial situation at its March 28 meeting.

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE STEGER-SOUTH CHICAGO HEIGHTS PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

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← 303	NO	

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Steger-South Heights has five in library race

Five candidates are vying for three spots on the Steger-South Chicago Heights library board.

All seek election to a six-year term. No one is running for a vacant four-year term. A library spokesman said that position could be filled by write-in vote or by the candidate who receives the next highest number of votes after the three six-year terms are filled.

The candidates are incumbents Dorothy Bogan, Carolyn Qunell and Charles A. Tieri and challengers Patricia L. Donahue and James Pasqualoni.

Bogan, 46, of 2626 Commercial avenue, South Chicago Heights, was appointed to the board last fall to fill an unexpired term.

She said that a children's librarian should be hired and she would like to see more children's programs and increased funding for popular books.

She also would like to have the library open more evenings.

Bogan belongs to the Kiwanis club of South Chicago Heights and teaches CCD at St. Ann's church in Chicago Heights.

She is past president of the Chicago Heights Junior Women's club, Grant school PTA and the PTA's Chicago Heights District Council.

Donahue, 37, of 3121 Hopkins avenue, Steger, wants to "try to get the people in both villages more involved" with the library and make it more open.

She said her position as Steger PTA president would help in attaining that goal. She also has served as treasurer and secretary during her 10 years with the PTA.

Donahue ran an unsuccessful race for village trustee two years ago. She belongs to Bloom Trail High School Band Boosters, the Steger Historical society and the Steger war memorial committee.

She co-chaired the St. Jude bike-athon to raise money for children with cancer and has been a Girl Scout co-leader, Boy Scout den mother and participated in Steger Little League.

Pasqualoni, 30, who lives in Steger apartments, said, "I feel I could bring some new, fresh ideas to their board."

He would like to implement drug-education programs, host guest speakers and promote ideas to get youngsters reading at an early age.

Pasqualoni runs his own catering business.

He serves on the executive board that runs the Tom Dreesen multiple sclerosis fund-raiser. He is president of the Huntingtons Disease foundation Oak Forest branch, past vice president of the Homewood-Flossmoor-Glenwood Jaycees and past president of the Chicago Heights area Jaycees.

Qunell, 58, of 113 McKinley avenue, Steger, is completing her first six-year term. She, too, would like to see a full-time children's librarian and later evening hours for the library.

Qunell co-chairs the Eternal Flame memorial committee. She headed committees that had a gazebo built in the heart of Steger and a pavilion in Veteran's park. She is a board member and honorary life member of the Steger PTA and past vice president of the Steger Little League auxiliary.

Tieri, of 116 McKinley avenue, Steger, is Steger's police chief. He currently serves as library board president. Tieri was not available for comment.

Library boost

Steger-South Chicago Heights public library district, which has matured beyond some of the squabbles of earlier years, needs a booster shot from the taxpayers.

The district has been able to cover mortgage and utility payments since moving into its own quarters, but other financial pressures force it to ask approval March 15 for a tax rate increase of 14 cents per $100 of assessed valuation. It has been living with its current 15-cent ceiling for the past 13 years, and the toll of rising book and periodical prices makes the request a realistic one.

The district has been compelled to charge fees for some of its previously free programs and the number of participants has dropped. A tax rate increase would allow the district to return to free programs, eventually expand the open hours and to buy more books. It would also allow the district to bank a small cushion for maintenance and repairs on the building as they become necessary.

People of the two villages want and use the library. About 5,000 people have cards, and circulation has risen 23 percent since the move to the present quarters. District residents should vote further deserved support March 15 at a cost of roughly $10-$20 a year for most households.

Criticizes library spending, raps tax plea

To the Editor:

For a second time, in the same year, taxpapers are being asked to consent to double their taxes for the Steger-South Chicago Heights library. Ms. Meyers, library director, told *The Star* that they want to establish a .29 percent rate instead of the .15 present rate. She wants to double our library taxes "on the spot."

Meyers neglects to inform the public that their taxes have already been doubled since the library's inception.

She stated in the October 23 *Star* that, "she doesn't know what the cuts will be!"

I have a couple of suggestions. There are often three employees on duty during the mornings and early afternoons when the children are in school and the majority of adults are working. At these times, there are often more employees on duty than there are patrons. Most people don't even ask for their assistance. So, why so many employees on duty at the same time? It is quite ridiculous to see this situation so often!

The officials and/or trustees of the library could save a lot of taxpayers' money and have more for the library if they didn't go on expensive convention trips. How much do these annual conventions for the library officials and trustees cost the taxpayers?

In the past, the library officials have gone to such expensive places as New York City and San Francisco for their annual convention. Of course, their plane fare, hotel reservations and meals are paid by guess who? Not them!

Mr. C. Tieri, board president, should trim some of the excess fat off the employees hours and convention expenses. However, we all know Mr. Tieri's record on convention expenses. He billed the village taxpapers $450 for a two-day Illinois Municipal league convention in Chicago. Now he says the taxpapers should vote in favor of the higher taxes.

A few years ago, Mr. Charles A. Tieri was one of the very few residents in the Will county section of Steger to file for a reduction in his real estate taxes. But now he says all the taxpapers should vote for higher taxes!

I say, make sure you vote on November 8 and vote no on the library tax hike!

Arthur B. Holecek
Steger

P.S. I wonder how much of the $70,00 the Steger-South Chicago Heights library board spent for a lot appraised at $18,000 was ever recovered.

Area libraries get share of $9 million

By DIANE ROSS
Interstate News service

SPRINGFIELD — South suburban libraries were among 541 statewide that received more than $9 million in "per capita" grants from the state this year, according to Sec. of State Jim Edgar.

The grant amounts are based on the population served and are a state operations subsidy for the libraries, which have the power to levy a local .13 percent property tax.

"These grants traditionally supplement the local public library budgets and allow libraries to expand their services and collections, although this year more libraries will rely on these grants for basic operations," Edgar said in a statement.

THE PER capita grants have become more important as other non-tax sources of revenue shrink, he said.

"As state librarian, I am pleased that we have again increased the level of funding to help hundreds of local libraries continue providing basic services to millions of patrons in Illinois," Edgar said.

The state also provides construction grants to subsidize capital improvements.

Edgar said the 1988 per capita grants to South Cook county libraries are:

OAK FOREST Acorn Public Library district, $28,243; Calumet City public library, $39,431; Calumet Park public library, $8,729; Chicago Heights Free public library, $36,778; Crestwood public library, $10,779; Dolton Library district, $24,600; Flossmoor public library, $8,367; Harvey public library, $35,570.

Also, Hazel Crest Grande Prairie Public Library district, $28,457;Homewood Public Library district, $19,592; Lansing Lewis O. Flom Lansing public library, $28,844; Markham public library, $15,070; Matteson public library, $10,155; Midlothian Library district, $14,178, Olympia Fields public library, $4,118; Orland Park public library, $30,649; Park Forest public library, $38,445; Richton Park Public Library district, $10,050.

Also, Riverdale Public Library district, $13,144; Sauk Village Nancy McConathy Public Library district, $11,780; Steger-South Chicago Heights Public Library district, $13,113; South Holland Public library, $24,810; Thornton public library, $3,004, and Tinley Park Public library, $27,862.

THE SAUK Village library also will receive a $4,176 equalization grant, which is provided where local property taxes generate less than $4.25 per capita, Edgar said.

Grants for Will county libraries include:

Crete Public Library district, $14,241; Frankfort Public Library district, $12,270; Homer Township Library district, $16,123; Manhattan Public Library district, $3,363, and Mokena Community Public Library district, $8,443.

Tieri responds to criticism on governmental seminars

To the Editor:

I am writing in reference to Mr. Arthur Holacek's letters to *The Star* November 15 and September 28. I attended training seminars/-conventions as Mr. Holacek calls them and they were not the "fashion shows" as Mr. Holacek refers to them. I attended training sessions which were held at the Holiday Inn in Matteson for three days for the Illinois Juvenile Officers association at a cost of $231.22. In October, 1988, I attended the Illinois Municipal league conference for three days at a cost of $218.78. Both of the aforementioned were training conferences in which there were various classes I attended for a total cost of $450. Both pertained to my profession as a police officer.

I have held this position for 27 years and three to four times per year I have attended various training courses/seminars/conferences just as village trustees, department supervisors, police chiefs, village presidents, zoning and planning board members, etc., have done throughout the state. At my personal expense I have attended training seminars: October, 1987, five days for the International Chief of Police.

Mr. Holacek is on a "witch hunt" and uses his letters for political purposes. On November 5, 1988, he also wrote a letter in reference to the Steger-South Chicago Heights library district tax referendum. Again he referred to me because I am the president of the library district and have been for the past three-and-a-half years. The letter mentioned trips to New York and San Francisco. At that time South Chicago Heights library board members ruled the board with four members to the three Steger trustees. Travel to those "fashion shows," (as Mr. Holacek calls them) were attended by Karin Daun, Rosetta Hellmer and Mr. Holecek's former wife, Andrea. On March 3, 1981, when I was absent from the meeting, $600 was given to each board member who attended the San Francisco meeting of the American Library association. On June 11, 1981, the amount was changed to $725; again I was absent from the meeting. The trip to San Francisco also had charges on June 23, 1981, of $115 at the Pacific Plaza hotel and registration fees on May 28, 1981, of $120.

In May of 1980 a trip to the ALA conference in New York was held. Two members attending were library president Karin Daun and Mr. Holececk's former wife, Andrea, who was a board member at that time. Both gave a long and detailed report of the conference upon their return. Each was given $450 to attend the conference in New York. If Mr. Holececk was so concerned about the expenses he should have stepped up in 1980 and 1981 when his wife took the trips.

I was not the "expensive fashion show observer" as he calls it, but I am not a back street car salesman — repairing and painting cars as he has been doing in the past. Mr. Holaceck was a neighbor of mine for the past 16 years until he recently divorced and moved. On Sundays *The Star* newspaper had ads for car sales with his phone number listed. A call to *The Star* revealed his name was well known for his placing of ads. Sangamon street was loaded with people stopping to see the autos for sale. A general neighborhood comment was: "The car ads must have come out today." Often Mr. Holaceck was observed driving cars that were masked to be painted and he was usually driving a car with primer spots. Mr. Holaceck no longer resides on Sangamon street and the neighborhood has returned to a calm residential neighborhood and back to the type of neighborhood that taxpayers moved there for.

Charles A. Tieri
Chief of Police
Steger

Library director

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last four years," she said. "Indications are the equalized assessed valuation will remain the same. We can't live on the same EAV."

Although the EAV in the district has remained the same, the cost of books has increased by 26 percent and the price of periodicals and magazines has jumped 66 percent in the last five years, according to Meyers.

If the referendum proposition is approved, the library district tax for the owner of a $45,000 home in Cook county would increase from $19.35 to $31.95.

THE LIBRARY district tax for the owner of a similar home in Will county would be raised from $27.63 to $44.66.

A new library district building constructed in 1987 is not the reason the referendum is on the ballot, Myers stressed.

"We built a new building all on our own. We didn't ask for a referendum," she said. "This is not for our new building. The mortgage on the new building is less than rent. This is because of increases in the cost of magazines, books and videos."

The library district plans to expand services if voters approve the tax question.

"IF THE referendum passes, we hope to expand the hours we're open and reinstitute our quarterly newsletter," Myers said.

Myers said additional books, magazines and videos would be purchased with money raised by the increased tax rate.

Adult programs would again be free of charge, Myers said. The library district offers two adult programs a month except for the summer months, when demand for adult services is down.

"In the past we were able to absorb this cost, but we can't any longer," she said.

Voters do not have to declare their political party preference to vote on the referendum question, she said.

LEGAL NOTICE

OFFICIAL NOTICE OF THE GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION

OFFICIAL NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION will be held in COOK COUNTY on:

TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 1988

- **The GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION will be held in all precincts of each Township under the jurisdiction of the Election Department of the Cook County Clerk.**
- **The Polls for the said ELECTION will be open at 6:00 A.M. and closed at 7:00 P.M.**
- **At the GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION the voters of the Democratic Party, the voters of the Republican Party and the voters of the Illinois Solidarity Party will nominate candidates for the following offices to be elected at the November 8, 1988 General Election:**

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UNITED STATES SENATOR

REPRESENTATIVES IN CONGRESS
(From each Congressional District in Cook County)

STATE SENATORS
(From Legislative Districts 1-7-9-15-19-22-24-25-27-28-30-33-39-40)

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(Three to be nominated)

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(One vacancy, First Judicial District)

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Village of Winnetka *(Village Trustees)*

Sauk Village Park District *(Trustees — If Referendum Passes)*

- **REFERENDA / QUESTIONS OF PUBLIC POLICY - will be voted upon at this GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION in those Precincts in the Governmental entities listed below.**

TOWNSHIP OF BLOOM

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE VILLAGE OF LANSING

← 293	YES	"Shall the Village of Lansing impose a surcharge of up to fifty (50) cents per month per network connection on telecommunications carriers, which surcharge expense will be added to the monthly bill you receive for telephone or telecommunications charges, for the purpose of installing (or improving) a 9-1-1 emergency telephone system?"
← 295	NO	

The above referendum will be voted upon in BLOOM TOWNSHIP. Precincts 5, 31, 72, 88 and 95; and in THORNTON TOWNSHIP Precincts 16, 17, 18, 19, 43, 47, 50, 51, 57 65, 66, 69, 71, 75, 80, 128, 136, 153, 160, 164, 166, 174, 177, 180 and 189.

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE VILLAGE OF SAUK VILLAGE

"Shall a Park District be formed in the Village of Sauk Village to be coterminous with the boundaries of the Village of Sauk Village, Cook and Will Counties, Illinois (which Village is bounded generally on the North by U.S. Route 30, generally on the East by Burnham Avenue, generally on the South by Steger Road and generally on the West by the Calumet Expressway) and to be called the Sauk Village Park District?"	YES	283 →
	NO	285 →

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The GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION for that part of Cook County in the jurisdiction of the County Clerk will be held in each election precinct in the County of Cook and the voting will be at the following polling places for each of the above said election precincts officially selected by the County Clerk.

Places are subject to change as necessity requires

NOTE: The letter (N) following the Polling Place address denotes that this location is **NOT** accessible to handicapped persons and that an extension has been granted by the State Board of Elections.

TOWNSHIP OF BLOOM

PCT	POLLING PLACE	ADDRESS	POST OFFICE	ACCESS
1	FLOSSMOOR COMMUNITY CHURCH	CARROLL PARKWAY & HUTCHINSON RD	FLOSSMOOR	
2	MASONIC HALL	18332 MORRIS	HOMEWOOD	N
3	HOLLBROOK VILLAGE HALL	19440 PEORIA AVE	CHICAGO HTS	
4	GLENWOOD VILLAGE HALL	ROSE & REBECCA STS	GLENWOOD	
5	OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURACH	19058 BURNHAM AVE	LANSING	
6	FORD HTS VILLAGE HALL	1343 ELLIS AVE	CHICAGO HTS	
7	MILLER WOODS FIRE PROT DISTRICT	22220 SHERMAN RD	CHICAGO HTS	
8	STEGER MUNICIPAL BLDG	35 W 34TH ST	STEGER	
9	GRANT SCHOOL DIST 170	27TH ST & MILLER	S CHICAGO HTS	
10	SOUTH CHICAGO HTS VILLAGE HALL	2729 JACKSON AVE	S CHICAGO HTS	
11	FIRE STATION NO 2	31ST & UNION AVE	STEGER	
12	ST AMBROSE EPISCOPAL CHURCH	10TH MAC ARTHUR ST	CHICAGO HTS	
13	DOGWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT 163	99 DOGWOOD ST	PARK FOREST	
14	DOGWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT 163	99 DOGWOOD ST	PARK FOREST	
15	WILLOW SCHOOL DIST 153	1804 WILLOW RD	HOMEWOOD	
16	ASPEN CANDLE LIGHT VILLAGE	RT 30TH & TORRENCE AVE	CHICAGO HTS	
17	ALGONQUIN SCHOOL DIST 163	170 ALGONQUIN ST	PARK FOREST	
18	HICKORY HILLS SCHOOL DIST 194	CHESTNUT ST & WESTERN AVE	PARK FOREST	
19	WINSTON CHURCHILL SCHOOL DIST 153	190TH & CENTER	HOMEWOOD	
20	FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH	1952 186TH PL	HOMEWOOD	
21	EDGAR EVERS SCHOOL DIST 169	1101 E 10TH ST	E CHICAGO HTS	
22	FLOSSMOOR COMMUNITY CHURCH	CARROLL PARKWAY & HUTCHINSON RD	FLOSSMOOR	
23	WAGONER SCHOOL DIST 168	215TH PL & CYNTHIA ST	SAUK VILLAGE	
24	BROOKWOOD JR HIGH SCHOOL	GLENWOOD LANSING RD	GLENWOOD	N
25	SAUK VIEW SCHOOL DIST 194	34TH & MILLER AVE	S CHICAGO HTS	
26	NEW RICKOVER JR HIGH SCH	22151 TORRENCE AVE	SAUK VILLAGE	
27	WAGONER SCHOOL DIST 168	215TH PL & CYNTHIA ST	SAUK VILLAGE	
28	WAGONER SCHOOL DIST 168	215TH PL & CYNTHIA ST	SAUK VILLAGE	
29	FORD HTS VILLAGE HALL	1343 ELLIS AVE	CHICAGO HTS	
30	ST ANDREW METHODIST CHURCH	18850 RIEGEL RD	HOMEWOOD	N
31	THURNTON FRACTIONAL HIGH SCH SOUTH	18500 S BURNHAM AVE	LANSING	
32	STRASSBURG SCHOOL DIST 168	2002-223RD ST	SAUK VILLAGE	
33	ST ANDREW LUTHERAN CHURCH	CORNER OF STRIEFF & ROBERTS	GLENWOOD	N
34	WINSTON CHURCHILL SCHOOL DIST 153	190TH & CENTER	HOMEWOOD	
35	MT CARMERL SCHOOL	21ST & WENTWORTH	CHICAGO HTS	
36	CHICAGO HEIGHTS FIRE DEPT	1600 S STATE	CHICAGO HTS	
37	FIRE STATION #1	3320 EMERALD AVE	STEGER	
38	GAVIN SCHOOL DIST 170	280 E 12TH ST	CHICAGO HTS	
39	CITY OF CHICAGO HEIGHTS WATER DEPT	137 E 14TH ST	CHICAGO HTS	
40	COMMUNITY CENTER	220 E 15TH ST	CHICAGO HTS	N
41	COMMUNITY CENTER	220 E 15TH ST	CHICAGO HTS	N
42	MARIAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL	666 ASHLAND AVE	CHICAGO HTS	
43	GARFIELD SCHOOL DIST 170	23RD AND WALLACE	CHICAGO HTS	
44	SANDRIDGE SCHOOL	R R 1 GLENWOOD DYER RD	LYNWOOD	
45	VILLAGE OF LYNWOOD MUNICIPAL BLDG	21460 LINCOLN HWY	LYNWOOD	
46	CHICAGO HEIGHTS PARK DIST	21ST ST & EUCLID AVE	CHICAGO HTS	
47	GOLDEN TOWERS SENIOR CITIZEN HOME	1704 EAST END AVE	CHICAGO HTS	
48	ST MARK UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST	312 CHICAGO RD	CHICAGO HTS	N
49	HICKORY GLEN PARK BUILDING	192ND ST & MINERVA	GLENWOOD	
50	SERENA HILLS SCH DIST 161	255 PLEASANT DR	CHICAGO HTS	
51	JEFFERSON SCHOOL	11TH & UNION	CHICAGO HTS	
52	BEACON HILL ELEM SCHOOL	401 CONCORD DR	CHICAGO HTS	
53	BLOOM TWP HALL	425 S HALSTED ST	CHICAGO HTS	
54	CHICAGO HEIGHTS FIRE DEPT	JOE ORR RD & COOLIDGE AVE	CHICAGO HTS	
55	GREENBRIAR SCHOOL	CHICAGO RD & GREENBRIAR	CHICAGO HTS	N
56	GREENBRIAR SCHOOL	CHICAGO RD & GREENBRIAR	CHICAGO HTS	N
57	COMMISSIONERS FIELDHOUSE	TERRY CT & LE ROSE DR	CHICAGO HTS	
58	ST MARK UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST	312 CHICAGO RD	CHICAGO HTS	N
59	SERENA HILLS SCH DIST 161	255 PLEASANT DR	CHICAGO HTS	
60	GREENBRIAR SCHOOL	CHICAGO RD & GREENBRIAR	CHICAGO HTS	N
61	HIGHLAND SCHOOL	HIGHLAND DR & WILLOW	CHICAGO HTS	
62	MARIAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL	666 ASHLAND AVE	CHICAGO HTS	
63	ST PAULS LUTHERAN CHURCH	330 W HIGHLAND DR	CHICAGO HTS	N
64	ST PAULS LUTHERAN CHURCH	330 W HIGHLAND DR	CHICAGO HTS	N
65	BLOOM TWP ADM CENTER	10TH & DIXIE HIGHWAY	CHICAGO HTS	
66	ROOSEVELT SCHOOL DIST 170	14TH & SUNNYSIDE	CHICAGO HTS	
67	MOOSE LODGE 626	527 W 14TH ST	CHICAGO HTS	
68	WILSON SCHOOL DIST 170	16TH & WILSON AVE	CHICAGO HTS	

Candidates——

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trustees are expiring. They are Robert Werner, Edward Hanson and Raymond Nudi.

Village Clerk Mary Jacobs said Werner does not plan to seek re-election. Hanson and Nudi have taken out petitions.

The village clerk's post also will be filled in April. Jacobs, who was appointed interim clerk after the death of Nancy McConathy, said she does not plan to run.

Four seats will be filled on the Sauk Village library district board. Board members Sharon Marr and Joe Mendez are reportedly not seeking re-election. Two other board seats vacated by earlier resignations also will be on the April ballot.

In STEGER, terms of three trustees are expiring. Those seats are now filled by Kenneth Shipley, Richard Porter and Ed Grollemond.

A spokesman at the Steger village hall could not verify whether any of the trustees plan to file petitions.

Two seats will be open on the Steger-South Chicago Heights library district board.

Terms of library board members Rosetta Hellmer and Joel Polletta are expiring. Both have reportedly taken out filing petitions.

IN THE South Chicago Heights race, incumbent Trustees James Morgan, Eliseo Giannetta and David Owen are planning to seek re-election.

Morgan and Giannetta are running under the Incumbent party banner with newcomer Robert Bove. Owen is planning to run as an independent.

Terms of three members of the East Chicago Heights board of trustees are expiring.

Petitions have been taken out by all three incumbents, Annie Cole, J.D. Blakemore and Luitant Shannon.

June 9, 1988

Steger Library Will Conduct Citizen Survey

As part of the Steger-South Chicago Heights Library's requirements for application for per capita grant money for the 1988-89 year, they must have a citizen's survey completed. The cost of this survey is covered by this year's grant money.

Northern Illinois University's Public Opinion Laboratory is administering the questions by phone over the next few weeks. The Steger-SCH Library is asking for the public's cooperation so that it may have valid results which can help with library evaluation.

For further information, call 755-5040.

Urges support for library

To the Editor:

It does my heart good to read about the people who get together for a cause. The Park Forest Library referendum passed; hurray for you. People still do care about decent and worthwhile things, at least in Park Forest.

The Steger-South Chicago Heights Library District has tried on four occasions to pass a referendum to no avail. We are operating on the same money we started with in 1976. People who comment say we can go to other libraries; we don't need this one. Your tax bill runs from $15 to $30 a year. If you were to go to another library, it would cost $170 in out-of-resident fees. Check it out; it's not a small amount.

It's time for you people to wake up and smell the roses. We have a very valuable asset within our own community. Take advantage of it, use it, treat it with the respect it deserves.

Rosetta Hellmer
Steger-South Chicago Heights Library Trustee

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must be taken to the voters before it can be increased."

Meyers also noted that "after the last referendum failed, we had to cut hours and certain magazines from our collection. The failure also affected our book budget."

"I don't know what the results will be if this referendum fails," she said. "There will have to be more cuts. I don't know what the cuts will be. That is for the library board to decide."

eyers said that prior to last spring's election, the Friends of the Library "helped by paying for the fliers we sent out to inform voters about the referendum."

"Because of the 1984 election law which prohibits the use of tax dollars for promoting a referendum, the library has not had any money to promote the referendum's passage this time," Meyers said, "There just isn't any money."

Tieri urged voters "to have second thoughts about the referendum."

"The library needs the money for the programs they put forth," he said. "It needs additional books, especially large type books for senior citizens, and to provide educational programs for young adults."

Tieri also stressed that the "increase would not be used for a mortgage payment for our new building."

"Our mortgage payment is less than the rent we paid at the old building," he said.

Lake water gains nod; library tax hike denied

12/10/88

By BARRY GANTENBEIN

South Chicago Heights residents Tuesday voted to have Lake Michigan water pumped into their homes, but the Steger-South Chicago Heights library district will have to do without an increase in property taxes to support the library.

Village residents voted 706 to 562 in favor of an advisory referendum asking if Lake Michigan water should be brought into South Chicago Heights.

Mayor Don Prisco said yesterday it will take a year or a year and a half to build a million-gallon reservoir and make other improvements necessary to bring Lake Michigan water to residents.

The cost of the needed improvements is approximately $1.5 million. That will raise the average village tax bill about $5 a month, Prisco said.

Water costs to South Chicago Heights homeowners will increase to $2.50 for a thousand gallons from the

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Lake water

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current cost of 75 cents for each 750 gallons, Prisco said.

Village Administrator David Dunne said of voters' decision to bring Lake Michigan water to the village: "It will make the water more drinkable and will add to the quality of life in South Chicago Heights."

Steger-South Chicago Heights library district voters opposed a referendum to increase property taxes to 29 cents per $100 of assessed valuation. The tax hike was defeated by a vote of 2,407 against to 799 in favor of the referendum.

The current tax rate for the library district is 15 cents per $100. This election marks the second time that library district residents voted down the tax hike. A referendum asking for the same tax rate increase was defeated last March.

Following the failure of the tax hike in the March election, Charles Tieri, library board president, said the library had to trim hours, its magazine collection and its book budget. Tieri could not be reached for comment yesterday.

Revenue that would have been gained from the property tax increase was to have been used for additional books and educational programs for young adults, library officials said previously.

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Quiet library rerun

Steger-South Chicago Heights library district is asking again for the tax increase that failed to gain a voter blessing in the spring. The strategy this time, in contrast to spring, is silence. Apparently the district officials believe that the fewer voters who know about the tax rate proposal, the better the chance of its passage.

While we still support the need for more revenue for the library, we cannot condone anything less than an all-out effort to inform the voters about the need for the tax hike. Tactics aimed at a low turnout tangle with the basic principles of the democratic process.

Crete woman named new Steger, South Heights librarian

Crete resident Jane Schulten has been named the new librarian of the Steger-South Chicago Heights Library.

Schulten served as the head librarian of the Mason City Library from 1981 to 1985, librarian of the Hadley schools in Hadley, Maine, from 1974 to 1976, and as a librarian for the New Canaan Public Library in New Canaan, Conn., from 1972 to 1973.

She received a bachelor's degree from Allegheny College, Meadville, Penn., in 1971 and a master's degree in library science from the University of Pittsburg in 1972.

Steger-SCH Library Board Member Resigns

At the Monday, June 27 meeting of the Steger-South Chicago Heights Library Board, trustees accepted the resignation of Joel Poletta. Poletta is moving out of the state and will no longer be able to serve as a member of the board.

He was a resident of South Chicago Heights and was appointed to the board in February of 1986 to fill the position vacated by Karin Daun in October of 1985. Poletta was elected to this term of office in April of last year.

The board is looking for people interested in becoming a member of the library board, completing the remaining 4-1/2 years of the term. Anyone wishing to apply should contact Board President Charles Tieri, c/o the Steger-SCH Library, 54 E. 31st St., Steger, Ill., 60475. All letters of application must be received by Monday, July 25.

STEGER—SOUTH CHICAGO HEIGHTS
PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
NOVEMBER 8, 1988
PUBLIC QUESTION

TO THE ELECTORS OF STEGER—SOUTH CHICAGO HEIGHTS PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT:

← 296	YES	"Shall the annual public library tax rate for the "Steger-South Chicago Heights Public Library District, Cook and Will Counties, Illinois" be established at .29 percent of full fair cash value instead of at .15 percent, the maximum rate otherwise applicable to the next taxes to be extended?"
← 298	NO	

Above referendum will be voted upon in Bloom Township, Precincts 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 25, 37, 76.

VILLAGE OF UNIVERSITY PARK
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
NOVEMBER 8, 1988
PROPOSITION

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE VILLAGE OF UNIVERSITY PARK:

"Shall the term of elective Officers of the Village of University Park be lengthened from 2 years to 4 years?"	YES	280 →
	NO	282 →

Above referendum will be voted upon in Rich Township, Precinct 38.

DATED at Chicago, Illinois this 26th day of October, A.D. 1988.

STANLEY T. KUSPER, JR.
COOK COUNTY CLERK

New Policy Adopted By Steger Library

The Steger-South Chicago Heights Library Board of Trustees, at its June meeting, approved a new registration policy which took effect July 1.

Parents will be required to sign for financial responsibility for their dependent children up to the age of 18 for renewal of existing cards or issuance of new ones. The library cards of all dependent children and parents will be restricted if one or more children or parents have a minimum of $10 outstanding in overdue fines or have library materials which are in excess of six weeks overdue.

All persons will be required to use their own personal library card for all transactions. The card of a relative or friend will not be accepted.

The library staff will reserve the right to request identification if there is a question about the identity of the card user.

Anyone having questions about this policy can call the library at 755-5040.

The board of education of School District 172 in Lynwood has appointed a new principal for Sandridge school. A fifth grade teacher, Gail Spila of Steger will assume her new position and administrative duties in the fall. She has taught in the district for 15 years. She received a master's degree in administration from Chicago State university. She will work as principal of the school during the morning hours and continue to teach in the afternoon session.

South Heights-Steger library board opening

South Chicago Heights-Steger library board of trustees is seeking a new member.

At a recent meeting the library board accepted the resignation of member Joel Polletta.

He is moving out of state and will no longer be able to serve as a member of the board. Polletta was a resident of South Chicago Heights and was appointed to the board at the February, 1986, board meeting to fill a position vacated by Karin Daun in October, 1985. He was elected to his current term of office in April, 1987.

THE BOARD is looking for someone interested in becoming a member of the board to complete the four-and-one-half year term left. Interested persons may contact the president of the board, Charles Tieri. Persons may write to Tieri in care of the library, 54 East 31st street, Steger. All letters must be received by July 25, library officials said.

At its June meeting, the board of trustees of the library board approved a new registration policy to begin this month.

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The library cards of all dependent children and parents will be restricted if one or more children or parents have a minimum of $10 in overdue fines, or have library materials which are in excess of six weeks overdue.

ALL PERSONS will be required to use their own personal library card for all transactions. The card of a relative or friend will not be accepted. The library staff will reserve the right to request identification if there is a question about the identity of the card user, officials said.

If anyone has any questions regarding this policy they may call the library at 755-5040.

Jay Kahn is new Suburban Library president

Jay Kahn of Crete has been elected president of the board of directors of the Suburban Library system. He will serve with a nine-member board.

Kahn, associate vice president of administration and planning at Governors State university, will help make policy and financial management decisions for the system that serves 177 libraries in suburban Cook, DuPage and Will counties.

Jay Kahn

The Suburban Library system (SLS) is one of 18 library systems in the state, one of 12 systems to give full membership to all types of libraries.

THE SLS includes 81 pubic libraries, 11 academic libraries, 42 high school libraries and 43 special libraries from business, research and nonprofit associations.

Kahn, a former trustee on the Crete public library district board, is serving on the SLS board as the academic libraries' representative. He initially was elected to the SLS board in 1985 after the SLS agreed to give full membership status to all participating libraries.

Kahn, who will serve a one-year term as president, said he would like to work toward a heightened awareness by the public of the role of libraries and the availability of services provided by the SLS. He also will work with the board to stabilize SLS funding, which has suffered under the state budget cuts.

"The libraries' share of state funding hasn't increased. That is partly because of a lack of additional funding from the legislature and partly because of the federal budget cuts," said Kahn.

STATE FUNDING, however, is the only source of revenue for the SLS, which serves 1.6 million people. Funding is based on per capita and square miles covered.

The SLS serves the largest population in a library system outside of Chicago. It provides services that libraries on their own could not afford, Kahn said, such as an inter-library loan system that allows libraries to borrow from one another's collections, data base searches for materials, reference services and an audio-visual service.

The system also provides self-insurance pools for directors and officers, errors and omissions liability and unemployment insurance.

Serving with Kahn as officers of the SLS board of directors are:

- **PAT SCHMIDT** of Oak Park, vice president. She represents public libraries on the board and serves as a staff member from South Metropolitan Association for Low-incidence Handicapped.
- Diane Rosenthal of Homewood, treasurer. She represents the special libraries and serves as a staff member from South Metropolitan Association for Low-incidence Handicapped.
- Walter Glascoff of Flossmoor, treasurer. He represents public libraries on the board and serves for the Flossmoor public library.

Other members of the board of directors are:

- **BERNARD G.** Cunningham, a trustee of the Park Forest public library.
- Betty Curvey, an administrator at Homewood-Flossmoor high school and a resident of Flossmoor.
- Edward Gardiner, a trustee of the Glenwood-Lynwood public library district and a resident of Glenwood.
- Linda Johnson, a trustee of the Palos Park public library.
- Helen Kaper, a trustee of the Downers Grove public library.

Sports Editor Kevin Kelly offers commentary on, and an inside look at, the south suburban sports scene in *The Star.*

Per capita grants to libraries to benefit many local districts

Secretary of State and State Librarian Jim Edgar announced last week that 101 public libraries in Cook county will receive a total of $5,373,984 in grants based on the population of the areas they serve.

According to Edgar, 546 libraries statewide will receive more than $9.5 million in per capita grants from his office. Moreover, $497,488.45 in additional grants were awarded to 100 public libraries unable to meet minimum public library funding at the local community level.

"Per capita grants to public libraries in Illinois are an increasingly important source of revenue to complement a local community's support for its public library," Edgar said.

"These grants supplement the local public library's budget and allow libraries to provide more books and offer expanded programs. The use of state funds for this grant program recognizes the importance of libraries in the information they provide to citizens of Illinois for education and business," he said.

Local libraries in the county receiving grants are:

- Acorn Public Library district (Oak Forest) $28,434.
- Alsip-Merrionette Park Public Library district, $20,509.
- Calumet City Public library, $39,697.
- Chicago Heights free Public library, $37,026.
- Chicago Ridge Public library, $13,473.
- Crestwood Public Library district, $9,389.
- Dolton Public Library district, $24,766.
- Flossmoor Public library, $8,423.
- Frankfort Public Library district, $14,261.
- Glenwood-Lynwood Public Library district, $18,148
- Harvey Public library, $35,810
- Eisenhower Public Library district, $24,711.
- Grand Prairie Public Library district (Hazel Crest), $28,649.
- Homewood Public Library district, $19,724.
- Markham Public library, $15,172.
- Matteson Public library, $10,223.
- Midlothian Public library, $14,274.
- Orland Hills Public Library district, $4,032.
- Orland Park Public Library, $30,857.
- Palos Heights Public library, $11,096.
- Green Hills Public Library district (Palos Hills), $30,432.
- Palos Park Public library, $3,150.
- Park Forest Public library, $26,222.
- Phoenix Public Library district, $2,850.
- Posen Public Library district, $4,926.
- Riverdale Public Library district, $13,233.
- Nancy McConathy Public Library district (Sauk Village), $11,859.
- Steger-South Chicago Heights Public Library district, $13,201.
- South Holland Public library, $24,977.
- Thornton Public library, $3,024.
- Tinley Park Public library, $30,775.
- Worth Public library, $11,592.

In addition, the following libraries will receive grants because their local library taxes generate less than the minimum level of support for their operations:

- Phoenix Public Library district, $3,495.46
- Nancy McConathy Public library (Sauk Village), $4,327.49

Edgar said he is committed to continued support for local libraries, which serve not only as information sources but often as community meeting places for literacy, cultural and educational activities.

"As state librarian, I am pleased that we have again increased the level of funding to help hundreds of local public libraries continue providing basic services to millions of patrons in Illinois."

According to state law, libraries must work to meet the Illinois Library association's standards for public libraries and levy local taxes for library support at a a rate of 13 cents per $100 of assessed valuation.

Library book sale on October 19

Friends of the Steger-South Chicago Heights Library district are planning a four-day book sale beginning October 19 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the library, 54 East 31st street.

On , October 20, the hours will be 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on October 21 and 22.

Adult and children's books, fiction and nonfiction books will be on sale.

Persons interested in donating books in good condition can call the library at 755-5040. No textbooks are accepted.

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LEGAL NOTICES

ORDINANCE NO. 89-1

RESOLUTION CREATING A BUILDING AND SITE FUND

IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Library Trustees of the Steger-South Chicago Heights Public Library District of Cook and Will Counties, Illinois, as follows:

SECTION 1: Pursuant to and subject to the limitations of Section 1003-1 of Chapter 81 Illinois Revised Statutes as amended, a fund for the purchase of sites and buildings, for the construction, acquisition and equipment of buildings, for the rental of buildings and equipment is established by the Board of Library Trustees as and for the Budget year of 1989-1990.

SECTION 2: There shall be included in the Appropriation and Levy Ordinance of the Board of Library Trustees as appropriation and tax for the creation of the Library Building and Site Fund in the amount of not to exceed .02 percent of the value as equalized or assessed by the Department of Revenue for the year in which the levy is made of all taxable property within the Steger-South Chicago Heights Public Library District; said tax to be in addition to all other library taxes.

SECTION 3: The fund shall be known as the Library Building and Site Fund. Once the fund has been created, the proceeds shall be deposited in the Corporate Fund to be used as stated by the aforesaid law as stated in Section 1, but a separate bookkeeping account shall be used for the Library Building and Site Fund. Once the fund has been created, it may be carried over from year to year without in any manner reducing or abating a future annual tax levy. Said fund shall be identified in the Budget and Appropriation Ordinance each year.

SECTION 4: Within fifteen (15) days after the adoption of the Resolution, it shall be published at least once in the Chicago Heights Star. If no petition is filed with the corporate authorities within thirty (30) days after publication of the Resolution, the District shall then be authorized to levy the tax. If a petition is filed within said thirty (30) days after publication of the Resolution requesting that the question of the adoption of this Resolution be submitted to the electors of the District, the specific number of voters required to sign a petition is, at least, one hundred thirty six (136). The date of the prospective referendum election would be November 7, 1989.

SECTION 5: That the invalidity of any item or section of this Resolution shall not affect the validity of the whole or part thereof.

SECTION 6: That all Resolutions or parts of Resolutions conflicting with any of the provisions of this Resolution be and the same are hereby repealed.

THIS RESOLUTION shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption as provided by law.

ADOPTED THIS 26th DAY OF APRIL, 1989, pursuant to a roll call vote as follows:

AYES: 5
NAYES: 0
ABSTENTIONS: 0

/s/Charles A. Tieri
President

/s/Carolyn A. Qunell
Secretary

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
COUNTIES OF COOK)
AND WILL) SS

SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATE

I, Carolyn A. Qunell, The duly qualified and acting Secretary of the Board of Library Trustees of the Steger-South Chicago Heights Library District, Cook and Will Counties, Illinois, and the keeper of the records thereon, do hereby certify that attached hereto is a true and corrected copy of an Ordinance entitled:

#89-1 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR BUILDING AND SITE FUND FOR THE STEGER-SOUTH CHICAGO HEIGHTS PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT, COOK AND WILL COUNTIES, ILLINOIS

adopted at a Regular Meeting of said Board of Library Trustees held on this 26th day of April, 1989.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE HERETUNTO SET MY HAND THIS TWENTY-SIXTH day of APRIL, 1989.

/s/Carolyn A. Qunell
SECRETARY

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME THIS 26TH DAY OF APRIL, 1989.

/s/Geraldine M. Seehausen
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2/11/90

Amnesty available this week

This week will be amnesty week at the Steger-South Chicago Heights Public Library.

There will be no charge on any overdue materials belonging to the Steger-South Chicago Heights Library returned this week, regardless of how long they have been overdue.

The book drop is available for those who may wish to remain anonymous.

The library is located at 54 E. 31st St., Steger.

2/11/90

Briefs

Library offering 'overdue' amnesty

Amnesty Week at the Steger-South Chicago Heights Public Library, 54 E. 31st St., Steger, will be conducted from Monday through Saturday.

During the meaning there will be no charge for overdue materials — no matter how long they've been checked out.

A book drop is available for people who wish to return their books anonymously.

815-722-6653. Create - Records 2-15-90

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An AARP (American Association of Retired Persons) consultant will meet with area seniors and help with income tax preparation now through the end of March.

The consultations are by appointment only and will be held at the Steger-South Chicago Heights Public Library.Call 758-3460 for an appointment.

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The Steger VFW will hold its

Appalled at support for proposed library tax increase

To the Editor:

As a concerned taxpayer from the Steger-South Chicago Heights area, I am appalled that *The Star* feels it necessary to lobby for a tax increase for our library.

I wonder how many times that *The Star* editors have visited this facility? If they would check they would find that often during the day (before school adjourns) there are often more employees on duty than there are patrons!

And if they had bothered to sit down and stay a few minutes, they would notice an astonishing noise level. This is because of the constant chattering among some of the employees as they discuss every subject under the sun. You might never notice the patrons because they are the quiet ones.

SURE, I'd like a good library as would everyone else who already pays $20-$30 per year, even the 8,000 or more people who don't have cards.

Their selection of books needs to be updated and upgraded.

I guess that *The Star* has already forgotten (its) own (articles) of a few years ago about this library being investigated by the Justice department. But how can you forget how your own library board spent about $70,000 to buy a vacant lot appraised for $18.000. Of course, they never used this lot! If the board had not spent the roughly $50,000 so unwisely, the taxpayers would be earning interest of nearly $5,000 per year on their money. Talk about mismanagement!

How easily do we forget! Whoever heard of a library board being investigated by the Justice department? Now this bureacracy wants all the taxpayers to give them more money every year thereafter.

Instead, we are being asked to give this same body an additional $10-20 per year per taxpaper, for a total bill of $40 to $50 per year, even if you never go near the place.

I say, no way. Every household should vote no. They are already overfed!

Art Holecek
Steger

3-11-90

Library to sponsor tax workshop

The Steger-South Chicago Heights Public Library will sponsor a tax workshop for taxpayers of all ages at 7 p.m. Thursday at the library, 54 E. 31st St., Steger.

Joseph Barry, income tax coordinator for the American Association of Retired Persons, will conduct the workshop. He will review how to fill out federal and state tax forms and discuss 1989 changes. He then will be available to help individuals with any questions or problems they have with the tax forms. Participants may bring tax forms with them. Further information may be obtained by telephoning the library at 755-5040.

3-15-90

Library to sponsor tax workshop

The Steger-South Chicago Heights Public Library will sponsor a tax workshop at 7 p.m. today at the library, 54 E. 31st St., Steger. Joseph Barry, income tax coordinator for the American Association of Retired Persons, will conduct the workshop. He will review how to fill out federal and state tax forms and discuss 1989 changes. He then will be available to help individuals with any questions or problems they have with the tax forms. Further information may be obtained by telephoning the library at 755-5040.

3-22-90

Library offering craft workshop

Steger-South Chicago Heights Public Library will sponsor a craft workshop at 7 p.m. April 5 at the library, 54 E. 31st St., Steger.

Participants will paint and decorate wooden Easter bunnies.

A $5 fee for materials is due by Monday.

Information may be obtained by phoning the library at 755-5040.

May 6 - '90 - Star

Gardening program at library

Greg Stack, a horticulturalist from the University of Illinois Extension Service, will present a gardening program and slide show at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Steger-South Chicago Heights Public Library, 54 E. 31st St., Steger. Stack will speak about the proper use of pesticides and other chemicals used to control garden insects and diseases. He also will answer questions concerning specific problems. The program is offered free of charge. Further information may be obtained by telephoning the library at 755-5040.

4/12/90

Library sponsors spring book sale

Steger-South Chicago Heights Public Library, 54 E. 31st St., Steger, will conduct its spring book sale during regular library hours from Wednesday through April 21.

Donations to the sale may be arranged by calling the library at 755-5040. No magazines or Reader's Digest books will be accepted.

Library hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays, Wednedays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesdays and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays.

Library takes board nominees

By MATT KAUFMAN

5/24/90

Residents of South Chicago Heights and Steger are being invited to nominate a replacement for John Gilkerson who recently resigned from the Steger-South Chicago Heights Library Board.

The board issued the invitation for nominees after the nomination of Anthony Santori to fill the vacancy created by Gilkerson's resignation failed to receive a second at its May 17 meeting.

Rosetta Hellmer, senior member of the board, opposed Santori's appointment.

"I don't believe membership on the board should be by political appointment," Hellmer said Tuesday. "The public should be given the opportunity to name the person or persons they want to represent them."

She also noted that the board currently has only one member from South Chicago Heights and five from Steger.

"Since most of the funding for the library comes from South Chicago Heights, I think representation on the board should be more balanced between the two communities," Hellmer said.

Residents of Steger and South Chicago Heights have until June 6 to nominate a replacement for Gilkerson.

The board will act on the appointment at its next regular meeting on June 20, Hellmer said.

4/19/90 - Crete Record

Steger-SCH Library Sets Spring Book Sale

The Steger-South Chicago Heights Public Library will hold its Spring Book Sale Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, April 19, 20, and 21, during regular library hours.

Donations to the sale (no magazines or "Reader's Digest" books) may be arranged by calling the library at 755-5040.

The library is open Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 10 a.m.-8 p.m., and Tuesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. The library is at 54 E. 31st St., Steger.

May 3 - 1990 - Crete Record

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Applicants sought for library board

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Library district residents who are interested in the position are being asked to send a letter of intent by June 6 to the library in care of Jane Schulten, director, 54 E. 31st St., Steger, 60475.

5/27/90 -

Calls for South Heights candidates

6/14/90

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6-24-90

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She was instrumental by voting to purchase a $70,000 piece of property and wanted to put a one million dollar building on the site with cathedral ceilings!

Steger residents soon got together and had candidates run for election to the Board of Trustees for the library. We then approached the village of Steger Board of Trustees and Village President Louis Sherman, who donated a piece of property where a $250,000 building now stands.

The residents of South Chicago Heights voted for us at election time and have seen we were saving money and expanding services for the patrons of the library at a low cost. Many South Chicago Heights voters said they would run for election if Helmer was not there to poison pen them to death. I believe the people of South Chicago Heights do care about the library and encourage us to do the good job that we have done. The last time Helmer was up for election she asked if we, the board, would back her. I objected, but went along with the other Steger candidates thinking she would not bother the personnel as in the past, but Helmer still continued in attempting to boss the personnel.

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Charles A. Tieri
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8/2/90

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Notice is further given that said tentative Budget and Appropriations Ordinance will be on file at the Steger-South Chicago Heights Library and open to public inspection beginning July 26, 1990.

Dated this 25th day of July, 1990.

/s/Carolyn Qunell
Secretary
Star 63624

LEGAL NOTICE
TREASURER'S REPORT

July 1, 1989 to June 30, 1990

Cash and Investments as of 6/30/89, $38,093.29

INCOME:

Taxes - Cook and Will Counties, $131,137.42; Interest, 4,134.91; Corporate Replacement Tax, 4,879.14; Per Capita Grant, 13,201.00; Fines and Fees, 5,809.45; Refunds, 2,078.09

TOTAL RECEIPTS, $161,240.01, TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS, $141,796.56, BALANCE, $19,443.45

Cash and investments as of 6/30/90, $66,824.18

Disbursements in excess of $1,000.00 and compensation for personal services:

American National Bank, $15,620.12, mortgage; Baker & Taylor, 1,128.11, books; Donna Bivona, 8,423.84, salary; Nancy Buckner, 2,499.84, salary; Commonwealth Edison, 5,628.35, utilities; Lisa Curry, 6,792.15, salary; Federal Withholding, social security, 14,682.68, salary; Gary F. Felicetti, 2,700.00, legal services; Gaylor Bros., 1,193.64, supplies; Illinois Bell, 1,047.63, utilities; Illinois Department of Revenue, 1,351.94, salary; Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund, 5,388.51, salary; Ingram Book Co., 12,307.81, books; Joint Advancement of Illinois Libraries, 6,651.64, insurance; Helen Kellman, 7,951.67, salary; Althea Mason, 1,105.56, salary; Sharon Nelson, 4,573.92, salary; Northern Illinois Gas Co., 1,496.35, utilities; Petty Cash, 1,731.43, various funds; Prairie State Associates, 1,525.00, furnishings; Jane Schulten, 9,852.75, salary; U.S. Postmaster, 1,205.20, postage; Warren Insurance Co., 5,298.00, insurance; WCT Chicago, 1,399.00, fax machine; Charles Wheeler III, 1,196.08, salary; Wilkes, Besterfield & Co., P.C., 1,060.00, audit; Lorelle Williams, 2,468.78, salary

Cash and Investments as of 7/01/89, $38,093.29

Savings Account, $19,380.14; IMRF savings, 679.59; Checking account, 425.02; Petty Cash, 150.00; IPTIP - General, 17,458.54

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ORDINANCE NO. 89-2

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This ORDINANCE will be effective until June 30, 1990.

ADOPTED this 26th day of June, 1989 pursuant to a roll call vote as follows:

AYES: 5
NAYES: 0
ABSTENTIONS: 0

APPROVED by me this 26th day of June, 1989.

/s/Charles A. Tieri
President
ATTEST:
/s/Carolyn A. Qunell
Secretary
Star 98919

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president, Steger-South Chicago Heights Library District

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Secretary
Star 63624

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PUBLIC NOTICES

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Cash and Investment 6/30/90

Savings Accounts, $47,779.49; IMRF savings, 736.57; Checking Account, 517.21; Petty Cash, 150.00; IPTIP - General, 17,640.91

TOTAL CASH AND INVESTMENTS, $66,824.18

I, Patricia L. Donahue, being duly sworn Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the Steger-South Chicago Heights Public Library District, certify that the above statement of the income and disbursements of the Steger-South Chicago Heights Public Library District is without error or discrepancy.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19th day of September, A.D. 1990.

/s/Patricia L. Donahue
Treasurer
September 18, 1990
Alvin Harms
Notary Public
Star 73296

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Secretary
Star 98919

Dismayed at library setback

To the Editor:

The defeat of the Steger-South Chicago Heights library referendum saddens me. Once again, the majority of voters clearly stated that the education of our children is less important than the money we spend on extracurricular activities. Children need more than the classroom to broaden their knowledge. The average cost increase of our taxes would have been $20 per household, the same price you may spend on a couple cases of beer or two cartons of cigarettes. Are our children worth less than this?

Our generation complains that the current school system does not teach our children to read. In my opinion, the defeat of this referendum demonstrates that we do not want to encourage the young reader by providing them with the facility and materials to help them read.

How can our children develop the desire to learn and the lust for adventure if our library shelves are filled with antiquated books or, worse yet, no books at all? Let's hope that we as role models to our children get another chance to say "Yes, kids, we do care about your future learning."

Kathy Dujsik
South Chicago Heights

Star
12/30/90

Letters

Tax vote foiled

To the Editor:

In recent years, the Steger-South Chicago Heights Library Board has had a tax referendum on two occasions. Twice the referendum has been soundly defeated by the voters.

However, on April 25, 1990, four library trustees, three from Steger being Carolyn Qunell, Gail Spila and Pat Donaghue, and Rosetta Helmer from South Chicago Heights, voted against the wishes of their constituents by adopting an ordinance providing for building and site fund tax for this library district not to exceed 2 percent of all taxable property in the district.

Now, how can the library trustees do that? Many people have asked that question!

Don't we already have a site and a building? Why do we need another?

In fact, Charles Tieri and his trustees did not follow the instructions of the Illinois Statutes. (The board) should have published notice that anyone asking for a petition form (to seek a referendum on the tax) should be granted one from the library's lawyer or library secretary. Instead, the trustees and Mr. Tieri saw to it that this statement would not be published at all.

In fact, when 195 signatures were submitted on petitions signed by the registered voters of Steger, Mr. Tieri chose to hire another "expert" attorney from Homewood at the taxpayers' expense.

Obviously, Mr. Tieri felt that his library attorney was not capable of defeating the petitions by himself and also needed a "specialist" to defeat the voters' petition to put it to a referendum. This shows the voters the extent that Mr. Tieu will go to to prohibit the voters (from) their own constitutional right.

However, Stanley Kusper Jr. (then Cook county clerk), Aurelia Pucinski (clerk of the Circuit Court) and an attorney substituting for Cecil Partee (former state's attorney) decided that the terminology (in the petition) was not "quite up to snuff" and (rejected) the 195 voters signatures (seeking) to put (the tax) to public referendum on Nov. 6.

Mr. Tieri could not even show up for the $144,000 tax levy meeting.

I can remember 20 years ago when the village library facilities were together with Central Junior High at the north end of the building. Costs were minimal in those days. One librarian and one part-time employee served the village people and Central students in fine fashion. We even had Friday night service and early morning service which we now do not have.

Since that time we have had the great Steger-South Chicago Heights buy-out for which the South Chicago Heights trustees paid a South Chicago Heights contractor $70,000 for a lot appraised at $18,000. Of course the trustees never recouped the loss or used the lot to build. Now we have another great tax increase (the 2 percent tax).

Don't get mad, get even.

Vote out each and every one of these incumbents on April 2, 1991, who are up for election.

Anyone interested in becoming a library trustee can receive a petition from the library secretary, C. Qunell.

Last but not least, it also should be noticed that there was no public hearing for the resolution, no notices of public hearing posted anywhere within the village.

Also, only 1 or 2 percent of the public voters ever saw the resolution in the ad section of *The Star*.

A great number expressed their anger at this increased taxation without voter approval. The majority of the voters of this district have never been inside the library and don't like the idea of paying for something that they don't use.

Arthur B. Holecek
Steger

Star
1/10/91

Miller Woods targeted with library grant

Secretary of State and State Librarian Jim Edgar recently awarded $11,587 to the Steger-South Chicago Heights Library District to serve a previously unserved area.

The grant is one of 76 totaling more than $2.8 million statewide that were awarded by Edgar's office this year to improve and expand library services.

With the grant money, the Steger-South Chicago Heights Library District will be able to provide free library service to 1,200 residents of the Miller Woods area, which was recently annexed into the village of Steger.

The library district moved to a new facility in 1987. Edgar said grant money will allow for increased staff and hours to better serve the needs of the additional population.

The money will also allow for a book return drop in the Miller Woods area, as well as additional programming.

Gavin Foundation

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1/10/91

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PUBLIC NOTICES

PRE-FILING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the office of Steger-South Chicago Heights Public Library will be open from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM beginning January 14, 1991 through January 21, 1991 for the purpose of accepting candidate petitions or certificates for the consolidated election to be held April 2, 1991 for the following offices:

Library Trustee, 6-year term
Library Trustee, 6-year term
/s/Jane R. Schulten, Director
Steger-South Chicago Heights Library District
STAR 83684

1/24/91

THE STAR:

Letters

Library rebuttal

To the Editor:

I would like to correct some information presented by Arthur B. Holecek in his Dec. 30 letter to *The Star* concerning the Steger-South Chicago Heights Public Library District.

The levy for the building and site fund is not a new tax and has been part of the total tax rate for this library district since 1979. It levies money that municipalities may use to help pay the mortgage, utilities and building maintenance, freeing monies from the general fund for books, reference services and programs. It is not, as I have explained to Mr. Holecek a number of times, money to build a new building. Secondly, the levy rate is .02 percent, not 2 percent as Mr. Holecek continues to insist, despite my numerous attempts to explain the difference to him. The difference between 2 percent (.02) of $100 and .02 percent (.0002) of $100 is the difference between $2 and two cents! Mr. Holecek informed me one day in the library (and I'll paraphrase politely) that the people of this community wouldn't know the difference between 2 percent and .02 percent; I know they do.

Mr. Holecek gave false information to 195 taxpayers while gaining their signatures. It was this very error, plus a number of other inconsistencies, that caused Mr. Holecek's petition to be thrown out of court. All procedures for publishing and passing both the building and site fund ordinance and the levy ordinance were followed correctly. Since the library district's attorney was on a planned vacation and unable to prepare our case in time, we were required to select another area attorney in order to meet the established court date. The important point is that Art Holecek and his misinformation cost the taxpayers over $3,000, not the library.,

The Steger-South Chicago Heights Public Library District continues to have one of the smallest budgets and lowest tax rates of any public library in the south sububurban area. The increased 1991 levy reflects the anticipated annexation of the Miller Woods area into the library district and revenues that area will provide. This alone accounts for the 12 percent increase, an increase that was fairly average for municipalities that weren't adding property. It is important to remember that the library distrcit is only asking for what the taxpayers have given us permission to ask for, there has been no change in the tax rate. Only one citizen attended our levy hearing; it was not Mr. Holecek.

The Steger-South Chicago Heights Public Library belongs to the community, and I am always available to answer any questions concerning the library budget. It is sad that Mr. Holecek cannot see the value of having a growing, thriving public library in his neighborhood. I think the over 5,000 library card holders would also disagree with him. He does a great disservice to the people of this community who use the library and the dedicated staff who serve them.

Jane R. Schulten
director
Steger-South Chicago Heights Public Library District

Star - 1/27/91

Announcements

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PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE
STATE OF ILLINOIS)
COUNTY OF COOK) SS
COUNTY OF WILL)
SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATE

I, Carolyn Qunell, duly qualified and acting Secretary of the Board of Library Trustees of the STEGER-SOUTH CHICAGO HEIGHTS PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT, Cook and Will Counties, Illinois, and the keeper of the records thereof, do hereby certify that attached hereto is a true and correct copy of an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 91-2
ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO THE ANNEXATION OF TERRITORY TO THE STEGER-SOUTH CHICAGO HEIGHTS PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

adopted at a regular meeting of the said Board of Library Trustees held on the 23rd day of January, 1991.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 23rd day of January, 1991.

/s/Carolyn A. Qunell
Secretary

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WHEREAS, the STEGER-SOUTH CHICAGO HEIGHTS PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT is a library district organized and existing under the provisions of the Illinois Public Library District Act approved July 17, 1967, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Steger, Cook and Will Counties, Illinois is included entirely or partially within the STEGER-SOUTH CHICAGO HEIGHTS PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT; and

WHEREAS, said Village of Steger of Steger has annexed or otherwise included within its boundaries certain territory contiguous to the STEGER-SOUTH CHICAGO HEIGHTS PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT, which territory is legally described in Exhibit "A", attached hereto and made a part hereof; and

WHEREAS, the territories described in Exhibit "A" are without local tax-supported public library service.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Ordained by the Board of Library Trustees of the STEGER-SOUTH CHICAGO HEIGHTS PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT, Cook and Will Counties, Illinois, as follows:

Section 1: That the territories described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto shall be and are hereby annexed into the domain of the STEGER-SOUTH CHICAGO HEIGHTS PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT, subject to the provisions for referendum contained in Ill. Rev. Stat. ch. 81, Sections 2-8(2), par. 1002-8(2) (1989).

Section 2: This Ordinance shall be published within fifteen (15) days after its adoption as provided by law and shall be effective within thirty (30) days after such publication, provided that if a petition, signed by

(a) 197 or more voters of the STEGER-SOUTH CHICAGO HEIGHTS PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT; or (b) 3 or more voters of the territory to be annexed; or (c) 200 or more voters of both the STEGER-SOUTH CHICAGO HEIGHTS PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT and the territory to be annexed,

is filed by February 26, 1991 (i.e., within thirty (30) days after the publication of this Ordinance), then the question of whether this Ordinance shall become effective shall be submitted to the voters of the STEGER-SOUTH CHICAGO HEIGHTS PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT or the voters of the territory to be annexed, or the voters of both the STEGER-SOUTH CHICAGO HEIGHTS PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT and the territory to be annexed at the non-partisan election to be held on November 5, 1991. The Secretary of the Board of Library Trustees of the STEGER-SOUTH CHICAGO HEIGHTS PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT will provide a petition form to any individual requesting one.

Section 3: Within fifteen (15) days of adoption of this Annexation Ordinance, the Secretary of this Board of Library Trustees on behalf of this Library District shall send notice of the adoption hereof, along with a copy of the map showing the boundaries of the territory to be annexed, and a copy of the text of the publication notice to the President and the Board of Trustees of each public library with territory within one (1) mile of the territory to be annexed.

ADOPTED this 23rd day of January, 1991.

/s/Charles A. Tieri
President

ATTEST:
/s/Carolyn A. Qunell
Secretary

EXHIBIT A
TERRITORY ANNEXED TO THE VILLAGE OF STEGER
Oakland Estates Property:
Lots 4, 5, 8, 11

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on the north line of the south ½ of the north 40 rods of the northeast ¼ of the northeast ¼ of the southwest ¼ of said Section 35; thence west on the last described line to a point on a line 12 feet east of and parallel to the west line of the northeast ¼ of the northeast ¼ of the southwest ¼ of said Section 35; thence south on the last described line to a point on a line 13 feet north of and parallel to the south line of the north 40 rods of the northeast ¼ of the southwest ¼ of said Section 35; thence west on the last described line to a point on the center line of Cottage Grove Avenue; thence northwesterly on the center line of Cottage Grove Avenue to the north line of the southwest ¼ of said Section 35; thence east on the last described line to the point of beginning).

also

The northwest ¼ of Section 35, Township 35 north, Range 14, east of the Third Principal Meridian (excepting therefrom that part bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point on the east line of the northwest ¼ of said Section 35, 40 feet south of the northeast corner of the northwest ¼ of said Section 35; thence south on the east line of the northwest ¼ of said Section 35 to the south line of the northwest ¼ of said Section 35; thence west on the last described line to the center line of Cottage Grove Avenue; thence northwesterly on the center line of Cottage Grove Avenue to a point on a line 1476.93 feet south of the north line of the northwest ¼ of said Section 35; thence east on the last described line to a point on a line 1008.57 feet east of the center line of Cottage Grove Avenue as measured on the south line of the north 1250 feet of the northwest ¼ of said Section 35; thence north on the last described line to a point on the south line of the north 1250 feet of the northwest ¼ of said Section 35; thence west on the last described line to a point on the east line of the west 1610 feet of the northwest ¼ of said Section 35; thence north on the last described line to a point on the south line of the north 600 feet of the northwest ¼ of said Section 35; thence east on the last described line to a point on the east line of the west 2010 feet of the northwest ¼ of said Section 35; thence north on the last described line to a point on the south line of the north 40 feet of the northwest ¼ of said Section 35; thence east on the last described line to the point of beginning.

also

The east ½ of the east ½ of the southeast ¼ of the southeast ¼ of Section 34, Township 35 north, Range 14 east of the Third Principal Meridian.

also,

The south 350 feet of the west ½ of the east ½ of the southeast ¼ of the southeast ¼ of Section 34, Township 35 north, Range 14 east of the Third Principal Meridian.

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The south 300 feet of the east 200 feet of the west ½ of the east ½ of the southeast ¼ of Section 34, Township 35 north, Range 14 east of the Third Principal Meridian.

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The south 500 feet of the west ½ of the southeast ¼ (excepting therefrom the east 200 feet thereof and excepting therefrom the west 200 feet thereof) in Section 34, Township 35 north, Range 14 east of the Third Principal Meridian.

also,

The west 200 feet of the south 1089 feet of the west ½ of the east ½ of the southeast ¼ of Section 34, Township 35 north, Range 14 east of the Third Principal Meridian.

also,

The west ½ of the southeast ¼ of Section 34, the southwest ¼ of Section 34, the west ½ of the northeast ¼ of Section 34, the east ½ of the northeast ¼ of Section 34, (excepting therefrom the south 20 acres thereof) all in Township 35 north, Range 14 east of the Third Principal Meridian.

also

All that part of the east ½ of the northwest ¼ of Section 34, Township 35 north, Range 14 east of the Third Principal Meridian lying south of the north line of Lots 3 & 14 and said lots 3 & 14 extended east and west in Sauk Trail Farms, a subdivision of part of the east ½ of the northwest ¼ of Section 34, Township 35 north, Range 14 east of the Third Principal Meridian recorded September 12, 1941 as Document No. 12756098 in Cook County, Illinois, (excepting therefrom that part of Miller Avenue lying north of the south right of way line of 32nd Street extended west).

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All that part of the west ½ of the northwest ¼ ...

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also,

The south 435 feet of the east 200 feet of the west 350 feet of the north 69 acres of the west ½ of the southeast ¼ of Section 27, Township 35 north, Range 14 east of the Third Principal Meridian.

also,

The east 198 feet of the west 548 feet of the south 330 feet of that part of the west ½ of the southeast ¼ of Section 27, Township 35 north, Range 14 east of the Third Principal Meridian, lying north of the south 11 acres thereof.

also,

That part of the east ½ of the southeast ¼ of Section 27, Township 35 north, Range 14 east of the Third Principal Meridian lying south of the centerline of Sauk Trail.

also

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PUBLIC NOTICE
STATE OF ILLINOIS)
COUNTY OF COOK) SS
COUNTY OF WILL)
SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATE

I, Carolyn Qunell, duly qualified and acting Secretary of the Board of Library Trustees of the STEGER-SOUTH CHICAGO HEIGHTS PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT, Cook and Will Counties, Illinois, and the keeper of the records thereof, do hereby certify that attached hereto is a true and correct copy of an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 91-1
ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO THE ANNEXATION OF TERRITORY TO THE STEGER-SOUTH CHICAGO HEIGHTS PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

adopted at a regular meeting of the said Board of Library Trustees held on the 23rd day of January, 1991.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 23rd day of January, 1991.

/s/Carolyn A. Qunell
Secretary

ORDINANCE NO. 91-1
ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO THE ANNEXATION OF TERRITORY TO THE STEGER-SOUTH CHICAGO HEIGHTS PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the STEGER-SOUTH CHICAGO HEIGHTS PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT is a library district organized and existing under the provisions of the Illinois Public Library District Act approved July 17, 1967, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the Village of South Chicago Heights, Cook County, Illinois is included entirely or partially within the STEGER-SOUTH CHICAGO HEIGHTS PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT; and

WHEREAS, ...

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showing the boundaries of the territory to be annexed, and a copy of the text of the publication notice to the President of the Board of Trustees of each public library with territory within one (1) mile of the territory to be annexed.

ADOPTED this 23rd day of January, 1991.

/s/Charles A. Tieri
President

ATTEST:
/s/Carolyn A. Qunell
Secretary

EXHIBIT A
TERRITORY ANNEXED TO SOUTH CHICAGO HEIGHTS

Lot 1 in Arthur T. McIntosh and Company's Sauk Trail Farms, being a subdivision of part of the East ½ of the Northwest ¼ of Section 34, Township 35 North, Range 14 East of the Third Principal Meridian, according to the plat recorded September 12, 1941 as Document Number 12756098, in Cook County, Illinois.

Lot 2 in the Resubdivision of Lots 1 and 2 in the Resubdivision of Lot 12 in Arthur T. McIntosh and Company's First Addition to State Street Farms, being a Subdivision of all of that part of the Northeast ¼ of Section 33, (except the North 100.28 Acres thereof) that lies East of the Easterly Right-of-Way of Chicago and Southern Railroad, together with all that part of the East ½ of the Southeast ¼ of Said Section 33, that lies East of the Easterly Line of the Right-of-Way of said Chicago and Southern Railroad, in Township 35 North, Range 14, East of the Third Principal Meridian, in Cook County, Illinois.

Lots 11 and 12 in Block 2 in Cape Cod Village, being a subdivision of the part of the west ½ of the northwest ¼ in Section 34, Township 35 North, Range 14, East of the Third Principal Meridian in Cook County, Illinois.

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titled:

ORDINANCE NO. 91-2

ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO THE ANNEXATION OF TERRITORY TO THE STEGER-SOUTH CHICAGO HEIGHTS PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

adopted at a regular meeting of the said Board of Library Trustees held on the 23rd day of January, 1991.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 23rd day of January, 1991.

/s/Carolyn A. Qunell
Secretary

ORDINANCE NO. 91-2

ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO THE ANNEXATION OF TERRITORY TO THE STEGER-SOUTH CHICAGO HEIGHTS PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the STEGER-SOUTH CHICAGO HEIGHTS PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT is a library district organized and existing under the provisions of the Illinois Public Library District Act approved July 17, 1967, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Steger, Cook and Will Counties, Illinois is included entirely or partially within the STEGER-SOUTH CHICAGO HEIGHTS PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT; and

WHEREAS, said Village of Steger of Steger has annexed or otherwise included within its boundaries certain territory contiguous to the STEGER-SOUTH CHICAGO HEIGHTS PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT, which territory is legally described in Exhibit "A", attached hereto and made a part hereof; and

WHEREAS, the territories described in Exhibit "A" are without local tax-supported public library service.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Ordained by the Board of Library Trustees of the STEGER-SOUTH CHICAGO HEIGHTS PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT, Cook and Will Counties, Illinois, as follows:

Section 1: That the territories described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto shall be and are hereby annexed into the domain of the STEGER-SOUTH CHICAGO HEIGHTS PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT, subject to the provisions for referendum contained in Ill. Rev. Stat. ch. 81, Sections 2-8(2), par. 1002-8(2) (1989).

Section 2: This Ordinance shall be published within fifteen (15) days after its adoption as provided by law and shall be effective within thirty (30) days after such publication, provided that if a petition, signed by

(a) 197 or more voters of the STEGER-SOUTH CHICAGO HEIGHTS PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT; or (b) 3 or more voters of the territory to be annexed; or (c) 200 or more voters of both the STEGER-SOUTH CHICAGO HEIGHTS PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT and the territory to be annexed,

is filed by February 26, 1991 (i.e., within thirty (30) days after the publication of this Ordinance), then the question of whether this Ordinance shall become effective shall be submitted to the voters of the STEGER-SOUTH CHICAGO HEIGHTS PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT or the voters of the territory to be annexed, or the voters of both the STEGER-SOUTH CHICAGO HEIGHTS PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT and the territory to be annexed at the non-partisan election to be held on November 5, 1991. The Secretary of the Board of Library Trustees of the STEGER-SOUTH CHICAGO HEIGHTS PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT will provide a petition form to any individual requesting one.

Section 3: Within fifteen (15) days of adoption of this Annexation Ordinance, the Secretary of this Board of Library Trustees on behalf of this Library District shall send notice of the adoption hereof, along with a copy of the map showing the boundaries of the territory to be annexed, and a copy of the text of the publication notice to the President and the Board of Trustees of each public library with territory within one (1) mile of the territory to be annexed.

ADOPTED this 23rd day of January, 1991.

/s/Charles A. Tieri
President

ATTEST:
/s/Carolyn A. Qunell
Secretary

EXHIBIT A

TERRITORY ANNEXED TO THE VILLAGE OF STEGER

Oakland Estates Property:

Lots 4, 5, 6, 11, 13, 14, 15, 18, 20, 21, 22, 24, and the South 13.00 feet of Lot 12, also that part of Lot 12 bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the Southeast corner of Lot 12; thence Northerly on the Easterly line of Lot 12 a distance of 38.00 feet; thence Southwesterly a distance of 90.00 feet to a point on the North line of the South 13.00 feet of Lot 12; thence Easterly a distance of 83.49 feet on the North line of the South 13.00 feet of Lot 12 to the East line of Lot 12; thence Southwesterly a distance of 13.00 feet to the point of beginning; all in Oakland Estates, being a Subdivision in Part of the East Half of the Southeast Quarter of Section 34, Township 35 North, Range 14 East of the Third Principal Meridian, according to the plat thereof recorded September 30, 1974 as Document No. 22862124, and Certificate of Correction recorded August 28, 1975 as Document No. 23199200, all in Cook County, Illinois.

Wayne Estates Property:

Lots 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 10, 11 and 12 in Wayne Estates Subdivision, being a Subdivision of the South 20 acres of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 34, Township 35 North, Range 14 East of the Third Principal Meridian, according to the plat thereof recorded May 30, 1979 as Document No. 24980036, in Cook County, Illinois.

Undeveloped Acreage Property:

The East Half of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 34, Township 35 North, Range 14, East of the Third Principal Meridian (except therefrom the South 14 feet of the west half of the East Half of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter), in Cook County, Illinois.

PROPOSED LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF TERRITORIAL ANNEXATION TO THE VILLAGE OF STEGER, ILLINOIS

All that part of the southeast ¼ of Section 35, Township 35 north, Range 14 east of the Third Principal Meridian, lying west of the west right of way line of the Calumet Expressway.

also

The southwest ¼ of Section 35, Township 35 north, Range 14 east of the Third Principal Meridian (excepting therefrom that part bounded and described as follows: beginning at the northeast corner of the southwest ¼ of said Section 35; thence south on the east line of the southwest ¼ of said Section 35 to a point on the center line of Cottage Grove Avenue; thence northwesterly on the center line of Cottage Grove Avenue to the north line of the southwest ¼ of said Section 35; thence east on the last described line to the point of beginning).

also

The northwest ¼ of Section 35, Township 35 north, Range 14, east of the Third Principal Meridian (excepting therefrom that part bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point on the east line of the northwest ¼ of said Section 35, 40 feet south of the northeast corner of the northwest ¼ of said Section 35; thence south on the east line of the northwest ¼ of said Section 35 to the south line of the northwest ¼ of said Section 35; thence west on the last described line to the center line of Cottage Grove Avenue; thence northwesterly on the center line of Cottage Grove Avenue to a point on a line 1476.93 feet south of the north line of the northwest ¼ of said Section 35; thence east on the last described line to a point on a line 1008.57 feet east of the center line of Cottage Grove Avenue as measured on the south line of the north 1250 feet of the northwest ¼ of said Section 35; thence north on the last described line to a point on the south line of the north 1250 feet of the northwest ¼ of said Section 35; thence west on the last described line to a point on the east line of the west 1610 feet of the northwest ¼ of said Section 35; thence north on the last described line to a point on the south line of the north 600 feet of the northwest ¼ of said Section 35; thence east on the last described line to a point on the east line of the west 2010 feet of the northwest ¼ of said Section 35; thence north on the last described line to a point on the south line of the north 40 feet of the northwest ¼ of said Section 35; thence east on the last described line to the point of beginning.

also

The east ½ of the east ½ of the southeast ¼ of the southeast ¼ of Section 34, Township 35 north, Range 14 east of the Third Principal Meridian.

also,

The south 350 feet of the west ½ of the east ½ of the southeast ¼ of the southeast ¼ of Section 34, Township 35 north, Range 14 east of the Third Principal Meridian.

also,

The south 300 feet of the east 200 feet of the west ½ of the east ½ of the southeast ¼ of Section 34, Township 35 north, Range 14 east of the Third Principal Meridian.

also,

The south 500 feet of the west ½ of the southeast ¼ (excepting therefrom the east 200 feet thereof and excepting therefrom the west 200 feet thereof) in Section 34, Township 35 north, Range 14 east of the Third Principal Meridian.

also,

The west 200 feet of the south 1089 feet of the west ½ of the east ½ of the southeast ¼ of Section 34, Township 35 north, Range 14 east of the Third Principal Meridian.

also,

The west ½ of the southeast ¼ of Section 34, the southwest ¼ of Section 34, the west ½ of the northeast ¼ of Section 34, the east ½ of the northeast ¼ of Section 34, (excepting therefrom the south 20 acres thereof) all in Township 35 north, Range 14 east of the Third Principal Meridian.

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All that part of the east ½ of the northwest ¼ of Section 34, Township 35 north, Range 14 east of the Third Principal Meridian lying south of the north line of Lots 3 & 14 and said lots 3 & 14 extended east and west in Sauk Trail Farms, a subdivision of part of the east ½ of the northwest ¼ of Section 34, Township 35 north, Range 14 east of the Third Principal Meridian recorded September 12, 1941 as Document No. 12756098 in Cook County, Illinois, (excepting therefrom that part of Miller Avenue lying north of the south right of way line of 32nd Street extended west).

also,

All that part of the west ½ of the northwest ¼ of Section 34, Township 35 north, Range 14 east of the Third Principal Meridian lying south of the south right of way line of 32nd Street and said south right of way line extended east & west.

also,

That part of the east ½ of the southeast ¼ of Section 33, township 35 north, Range 14 east of the Third Principal Meridian bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the southeast corner of the southeast ¼ of said Section 33; thence west on the south line of the southeast ¼ of said Section 33 to the southwest corner of the east ½ of the southeast ¼ of said Section 33; thence north on the west line of the east ½ of the southeast ¼ of said Section 33 to a point on the westerly prolongation of the south line of Lot 14 in Arthur T. McIntosh & Co.'s First Addition to State Street Farms, a subdivision of part of Section 33, Township 35 north, Range 14 east of the Third Principal Meridian, recorded March 23, 1942 as Document No. 12860981 in Cook County, Illinois; thence east on the south line of said Lot 14 and said westerly prolongation of Lot 14 to the southeast corner of said Lot 14; thence north on the east line of said Lot 14 to the northeast corner of said Lot 14; thence east on the easterly prolongation of the north line of said Lot 14, being common with the south line of Lot 20 in said subdivision, to the southeast corner of said Lot 20; thence north on the east line of said Lot 20 to the northeast corner of said Lot 20; thence west on the north line of said Lot 20, being common with the south line of Lot 21 in said subdivision, to the northwest corner of said Lot 20, being common with the southwest corner of said Lot 21; thence north on the west line of said Lot 21 and said line extended north to the north line of the southeast ¼ of said Section 33; thence east on the north line of the southeast ¼ of said Section 33 to the northeast corner of the southeast ¼ of said Section 33; thence south on the east line of the southeast ¼ of said Section 33 to the point of beginning.

also,

all that part of the west ½ of the southeast ¼ of Section 27, Township 35 north, Range 14 east of the Third Principal Meridian lying south of the centerline of Sauk Trail together with that part of the south 11 acres of the west ½ of the southeast ¼ of said Section 27 lying north of the centerline of Sauk Trail.

north of the south 11 acres thereof.

also,

That part of the east ½ of the southeast ¼ of Section 27, Township 35 north, Range 14 east of the Third Principal Meridian lying south of the centerline of Sauk Trail.

also

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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WHEREAS, said Village of Steger has annexed or otherwise included within its boundaries certain territory contiguous to the STEGER-SOUTH CHICAGO HEIGHTS PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT, which territory is legally described in Exhibit "A", attached hereto and made a part hereof; and

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(a) 104 or more voters of the STEGER-SOUTH CHICAGO HEIGHTS PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT; or

(b) 20 or more voters of the territory to be annexed; and

(c) 124 or more voters of both the STEGER-SOUTH CHICAGO HEIGHTS PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT and the territory to be annexed,

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Steger-S. Chicago Heights Library District

Library trustee

LOUIS J. BIANCONI	969
JAMES E. PASQUALONI	1544
Charles Burnett	955

4-4-91

Steger-S. Heights Library

Of the three candidates seeking two seats on the Steger-South Chicago Heights Library Board, James Pasqualoni came out clearly on top with 1,544 votes in Cook and Will counties. Incumbent Louis Bianconi was re-elected with 969 votes. Charles Burnett lost his bid for election with 955 votes.

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1991

of having a library card.

My children have benefited greatly from the library's resources as well as from the knowledgeable, helpful ladies on the staff. They go out of their way to help with trivia questions, look up information and offer suggestions.

My son was able to go to Governors State and check out medical books for a major science project because he holds a library card in Steger.

We are very fortunate to have this fine facility near us and to have the freedom our country gives us to allow us to read or research anything we desire. What better way to spend a small portion of our tax dollars?

Thank you Steger and South Chicago Heights and thank you to all the library staff and board members for making this possible.

Carolyn Gann
Steger

For Viola Baecher

To

Star 4/28/91

Thanks for the vote

To the Editor:

I'm taking this opportunity to thank the patrons of the Steger-South Chicago Heights Library for taking the time to come out and vote.

Your vote is always important.

Louis "Doc" Bianconi
trustee-elect
Steger-South Chicago Heights Public Library

Fine library

To the Editor:

Thank goodness for the Steger/South Chicago Heights Public Library. (My family does know where it's located and we do utilize its facilities regularly.)

I myself have requested books that have been ordered through the Suburban Library System from all over the state of Illinois, including University of Illinois, University of Chicago and Governors State University, to mention a few. This is one of the privileges

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Library closing

The Steger-South Chicago Heights Public Library will be closed all day May 17 due to a staff development workshop in conjunction with the Crete Public Library.

Also, the next regular meeting of the Steger-South Chicago Heights Library Board will be at 7 p.m. this Wednesday instead of May 22.

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Library winner

To the Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone in the towns of Steger and South Chicago Heights for supporting me in my bid for the position of library trustee. The large margin of votes I received merits special thanks not only to the voters, but to all who helped me in my campaign.

Abraham Lincoln once said, "The people of America must be able to read about their past, in order to plan their future." As a young leadership advocate, I plan to teach young people to turn their volumes down on their stereos and pick up a volume at the local library.

Once again, thanks to all who supported me.

James E. Pasqualoni
newly elected
Steger-South Chicago Heights Library trustee

RESOLUTION 91-1
STATE OF ILLINOIS)
COUNTIES OF COOK) SS
AND WILL)
SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATE

I, Carolyn A. Qunell, the duly qualified and acting Secretary of the Board of Library Trustees of the Steger-South Chicago Heights Public Library, Cook and Will Counties, Illinois, and the keeper of the records thereon, do hereby certify that attached hereto is a true and correct copy of a document entitled:

RESOLUTION NO. 91-1.

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE FUND FOR THE STEGER-SOUTH CHICAGO HEIGHTS PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

adopted at a regular meeting of said Board of Library Trustees held on this 15th day of May, 1991.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 15th day of May, 1991.

/s/Carolyn A. Qunell
Secretary

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 15th day of May, 1991
Lorelle A. Williams
Notary Public

RESOLUTION NO. 91-1

RESOLUTION CREATING A BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE FUND

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED:

By the Board of Library Trustees of the Steger-South Chicago Heights Public Library District of Cook and Will Counties, Illinois, as follows:

SECTION 1: Pursuant to and

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subject to the limitations of Section 1003-1 of Chapter 81 Illinois Revised Statutes as amended, a fund for the purchase of sites and buildings, for the construction and equipment of buildings, for the rental of buildings and equipment, and for maintenance, repairs and alterations of library buildings and equipment is established by the Board of Library Trustees as and for the Budget year of 1991-1992.

SECTION 2: There shall be included in the Appropriation and Levy Ordinance of the Board of Library Trustees as appropriation and tax for the creation of the Library Building and Maintenance Fund in the amount of not to exceed .02 percent (.0002) of the value as equalized or assessed by the Department of Revenue for the year in which the levy is made of all taxable property within the Steger-South Chicago Heights Public Library District; said tax to be in addition to all other library taxes.

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6/13/91 Steger Weekly

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Dated this 26th day of June, 1991.

/s/Louis Bianconi
Secretary
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/s/Loreiel A. Williams
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ADOPTED THIS 26th day of June, 1991, pursuant to a roll call note as follows:

AYES: 6
NAYES: 0
ABSTENTIONS: 0

APPROVED by me this 26th day of June, 1991.

/s/Carolyn A. Cunell
President

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/s/Louis Blanconi
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In a prior letter to *The Star*, Sherman stated that the building permits were issued from the state of Illinois for the construction of the west-faced docks at Gooch Foods, 36th Street and Chicago Road. I questioned the Illinois Department of Transportation regarding the question and received its letter of July 26, 1990. This letter was from James Slifer and district permit engineer Daniel Ehart. They stated that IDOT did review plans for the work and expressed to the village of Steger concerns about the location of the docks. The village of Steger issued a building permit for the building expansion. (They wrote that) IDOT does not have jurisdiction over permitting for work done off the state right-of-way.

Unfortunately for me, the owner of a lot directly across form the site: the neighbors; the people of Steger; and the drivers on Route 1 (Chicago Road), we now have what is known as "Sherman's truck stop."

The real and most important news is your tax bill. Will County (residents) already know and Cook County (residents) will receive their bad news next month for the '90 tax rate. It is too bad that the whole town has to suffer and come up with more money every year because of the mayor and his trustees.

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Steger Weekly

JULY 11, 1991

Tieri celebrates 30

by Larry Chmielewski

On the 17th of this month, Police Chief Charles Tieri celebrates his 30 year anniversary with the Steger Police department. He has been the chief for approximately 27 of those 30 years.

A one-time barber, Tieri joined the force part-time in 1961, earning $1.25 an hour. At that time Steger had only three full-time officers. The village had no industrial area and the downtown

This varied involvement with kids, the department annually sponsors a baseball team, became even stronger this past year with the introduction of Steger's D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program. Tieri said the program is to be expanded next year to the 7th and 8th grades, and will add another officer.

Tieri's accomplishment with the youth of the village, should not overshadow has other contributions to Steger. He serves on the advisory board of the Salvation Army, and is currently its treasurer. He is also on the board of trustees for the Steger-South Chicago Heights Library. In fact, it was Tieri who approached the village and got them to donate the land for the present library building.

Poised for the future, Tieri's department remains committed to the youth and safety of Steger. In his 30 years, from civic leader to boy's baseball coach, Tieri has made a distinct and positive imprint on everyone in the village.

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Literacy program seeks students

by Larry Chmielewski

One out of five Americans cannot read this sentence. In Illinois alone, it is estimated that there are 2 million functionally illiterate people. There are programs to help these people, but that is only half of the equation. As Project Literacy, headquartered at the Steger-South Chicago Heights Public Library, is learning, the hardest part is getting those in need to step forth.

Project Literacy, in conjunction with Literary Volunteers of South Suburban Cook and Will Counties, has 20 tutors standing by to accommodate students in need. According to project chairman James Pasqualoni, the only things required by a student are a little time and effort. The program will supply all the necessary materials. Tutoring can take place in the library or special arrangements may be made to hold sessions elsewhere. The main thing right now, said Pasqualoni, is that "the student be made to feel comfortable; everything is kept confidential."

The program, at no expense to the taxpayers, is open to any adult who feels their readings skills are not adequate. Those who may be able to read with some difficulty, yet wish to improve their abilities, perhaps to move up in the job market, are similarly encouraged to participate. Pasqualoni stressed

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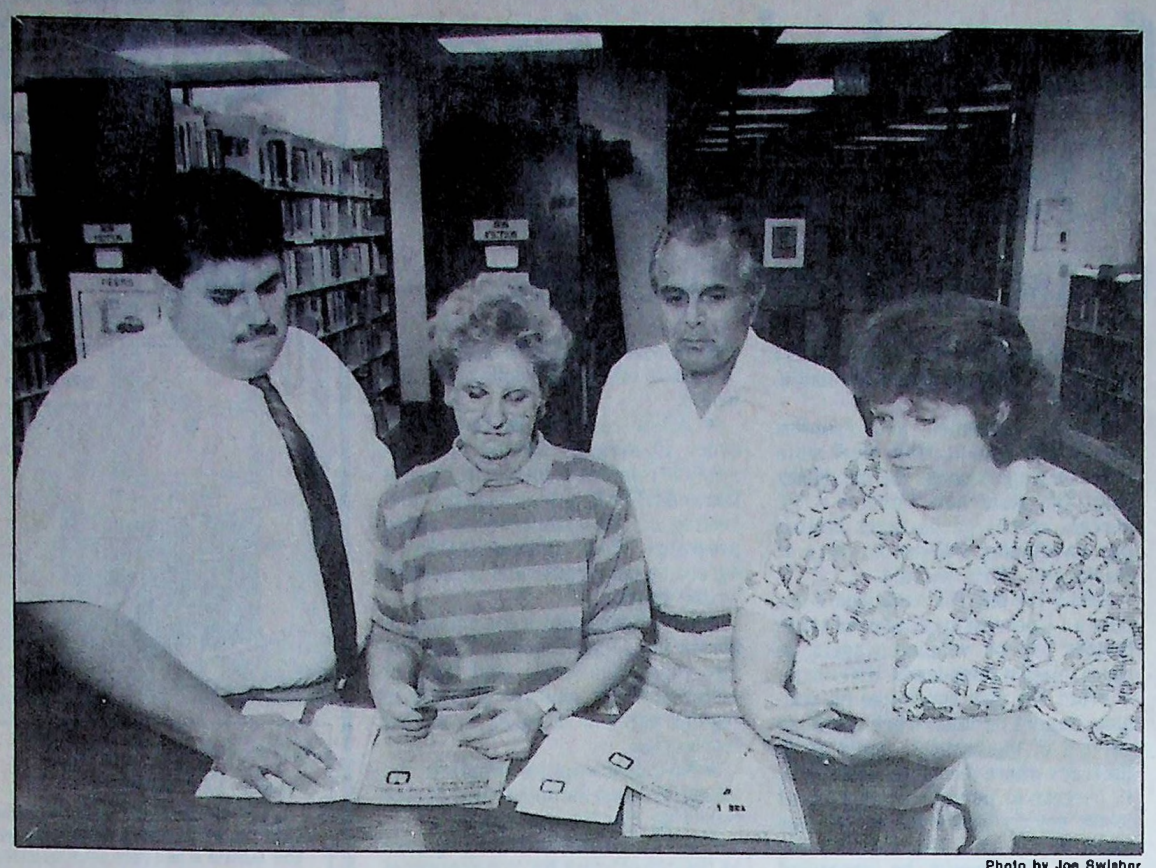

Photo by Joe Swisher

Project Literacy

Carol Qunell (second from left), president of the the Steger-South Chicago Heights Library Board, shows newly elected Vice President James E. Pasqualoni (left), Secretary Louis Bianconi and Treasurer Pat Donahue materials used in the library's Project Literacy program. The offering is available at the library for local individuals who are illiterate and wish to learn to read and write. More information is available by telephoning Jane Schulter at 755-5040.

7/14/91 Star

That isn't hay

To the Editor:

They might act like them and they might move like them, but our Steger politicians aren't quite dead horses! But they each sound like them.

"Mr. Ed," the former TV star's favorite line was "Nothing like hay." Steger's trustees' favorite line is "Nothing today."

However, to compare most of our Steger politicians to such a noble animal as a horse is an insult to that magnificent animal.

Ask these part-time trustees what they did all day and they will say "Nothing today."

Even "Mr. Ed" would do some work for his keep. But the part-time politicians and the part-time lawyer and employees just keep sitting there and raising their benefits — like the $20,000 life insurance policies, that they all gave themselves, again, without voters' approval. The taxpayers pay over $11,000 in life insurance premiums for the municipal workers and the part-time politicians. The latter jumped into the plan even though they don't put in 40 hours or 30 hours per week — or even seven hours per month!

Bleeding-heart liberals like B. Wilson should wake up to the fact that his dead horses are eating hay at an increasing rate and the hay pile is going down and down.

These part-time politicians consume over $135,000 per year. For a small little town — 30 miles from the heart of the city — that's a lot of hay for your politicians doing nothing about every day.

So, wake up, B. Wilson, open your windows and you can smell the scent coming from your part-time politicians and that isn't freshly cut hay!

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STATE OF ILLINOIS)
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/s/Louis Bianconi
Secretary

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/s/Loreiei A. Williams
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My Commission Expires 10/2/94

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WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Steger-South Chicago Heights Public Library District, Cook and Will Counties, Illinois, caused to be prepared in tentative form a Budget and the Secretary of this Board has made the same conveniently available to public inspection for at least 30 days prior to final action thereon; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held to such budget on the 24th day of July, 1991, and notice of thereto as required by law, and all other legal requirements have been complied with:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Trustees of the Steger-South Chicago Heights Public Library District, Cook and Will Counties, Illinois as follows:

SECTION 1: That the fiscal year of this Public Library District is hereby fixed to begin on July 1, 1991 and end on June 30, 1992.

SECTION 2: That the following Budget containing an estimate of the amount available and expenditures and the appropriations contained therein be and the same is hereby adopted as the Budget and Appropriations for this Public Library District for this fical year: and the sum of $230,800.00 or as much thereof as may be authorized by law, is hereby appropriated for the purposes of the Steger-South Chicago Heights Public Library District, as hereinafter specified for said fiscal year.

PART I
ESTIMATED
REVENUE AVAILABLE

ITEM 1: Cash on hand July 1, 1991, $15,000.00; ITEM 2: Taxes to be received in the 1991/92 fiscal year from the levy of 1990 and prior years, 149,840.00; ITEM 3: Fines, 4,000.00; ITEM 4: Photocopy, 1,500.00; ITEM 5: Video receipts, 3,000.00; ITEM 6: Grants, 30,000.00; ITEM 7: Interest, 5,000.00; ITEM 8: Donations, 1,000.00; ITEM 9: Miscellaneous revenue, 2,000.00; TOTAL ESTIMATED AMOUNT AVAILABLE, $211,340.00

PART II
ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES
CORPORATE FUND

ACCOUNT NO. 1, Salaries, $80,000.00; 2, Insurance, 12,000.00; 3, Book Purchase, 20,000.00; 4, Periodicials, 3,000.00; 5, Audio-Visual Materials, 3,000.00; 6, Mortgage, 7,620.00; 7, Professional Services, 5,000.00; 8, Utilities, 6,000.00; 9, Purchase of Equipment, 8,500.00; 10, Equipment Maintenance, 2,000.00; 11, Education, 750.00; 12, Travel, 500.00; 13, Supplies, 4,000.00; 14, Postage, 2,000.00; 15, Programs, 3,000.00; 16, Advertising, 1,000.00; 17, Binding, 500.00; 18, Contingency, 4,000.00; 19, Library Automation, 10,000.00; Total, $173,000.00

The foregoing appropriations are appropriated from the property tax for corporate purchase.

PART III
ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES
ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL
RETIREMENT FUND

Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund, $6,000.00

The foregoing appropriation is hereby appropriated from the proceeds of a special tax to pay the Library District's contribution to the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund and is in addition to all other library district taxes as provided by law.

PART IV
ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES
SOCIAL SECURITY

Social Security, $7,000.00

The foregoing appropriation is hereby appropriated from the proceeds of a special tax to pay the Library District's contribution to the Social Security and is in addition to all other Library District taxes as provided by law.

PART V
ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES
AUDIT FUND

Audit Fund, $1,300.00

The foregoing appropriation is hereby appropriated from the proceeds of a spoecial tax for audit expense purposes and is in addition to all other Library District taxes as provided by law.

PART VI
ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES
PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE

Public Liability Insurance, $8,000.00

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PART VII
ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES
BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE
FUND

Building and Maintenance Fund, $20,000.00

The foregoing appropriation is hereby appropriated from the proceeds of a special tax for building maintenance and rental purposes and is in addition to all other Library District taxes as provided in the Public Library District Act, Section 81, Paragraph 1002-1.

PART VIII
ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES
UNEMPLOYMENT
COMPENSATION

Unemployment Insurance, $500.00

The foregoing appropriation is hereby appropriated from the proceeds of a special tax for unemployment insurance and is in addition to all other Library District taxes as provided by law.

PART IX
ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES
SPECIAL RESERVE FUND

Special Reserve Fund, $15,000.00

The foregoing appropriation is hereby appropriated from the unexpended balances of the proceeds received annually from annual public library taxes, not in excess of statuatory limits, for the purpose to provide monies for the library's physical plant needs, any major renovations or improvements, or for emergency expenditures for the repair of the existing library building and its equipment.

SUMMARY

Total Appropriation for Corporate Fund Expenditures, $173,000.00; Total Appropriation for Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund, 6,000.00; Total Appropriation for Social Security, 7,000.00; Total Appropriation for Audit Expense Fund, 1,300.00; Total Appropriation for Public Liability Insurance, 8,000.00; Total Appropriation for Unemployment Compensation, 500.00; Total Appropriation for Building and Maintenance Fund, 20,000.00; Total Appropriation for Special Reserve Fund, 15,000.00; GRAND TOTAL, $230,800.00

SECTION 3: That all unexpended balances of any item or items of any general appropriation in this Ordinance be expended in making up any insufficiency in any other item or items in the same general appropriation made by this Ordinance.

SECTION 4: That any unexpended balances in the Corporate Fund and Building and Maintenance Fund appropriations will be deposited into the Special Reserve Fund pursuant to a plan in accordance with Chapter 81, Section 1005-10 of the Illinois Revised Statutes.

SECTION 5: That the invalidity of any item or section of this Ordinance shall not affect the validity of the whole or part thereof.

SECTION 6. That all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances conflicting with any of the provisions of this Ordinance be and the same are hereby repealed.

SECTION 7: That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

ADOPTED THIS 31st day of July, 1991, pursuant to roll call vote as follows:

AYES: 5
NAYS: 0
ABSTENTIONS: 0

/s/Carolyn Qunell
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ATTEST:
/s/Louis Bianconi
Secretary
Star 11519

Book sale going on at Steger library

The Steger-South Chicago Heights Library has planned a number of events for this month.

The fall book sale of Friends of the Library will be Thursday, Friday and Saturday during regular library hours. General fiction, cookbooks, romances and children's books will be available.

Monthly adult craft workshops will be conducted Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. Participants in the Sept. 26 program will make a padded photo album.

There will be a pet show for children at 1 p.m. Saturday on the library lawn. All pets should be leashed or officials said. Rain date is

Advance registration is required. People may call 755-5040 for more information. 9/19/91 Star

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■ The library has also added new magazines, Compute, Home, Pack-o-fun, Reader's Digest large print, Sports Illustrated for Kids and Us, to its collection.

8715-A1, General Alternate
8715-B, Plumbing
8715-C, Heating, Piping, Refrigeration & Automatic Temperature Control
8715-D, Ventilating & Distribution of Conditioned Air
8715-E, Electrical

Bids received after this time will not be accepted. Bids will be opened publicly and read aloud at 11:30 a.m. on Monday, November 4, 1991 in the Hall of Honors. Bids envelopes are to be clearly labeled. No FAX or phone bids will be accepted.

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held on Thursday, October 10, 1991 at 10:00 a.m. in the E-Lounge at Governors State University.

Bidding Document may be examined at:
ARCHITECT'S OFFICE
WILLIAM E. BRAZLEY & ASSOCIATES, LTD.
3920 W. 216th St., Matteson, IL 60443
(708) 748-3010
CONSTRUCTION MARKET DATA
2400 E. Devon
Des Plaines, IL 60018
DODGE PLAN ROOM
2 Prudential Plaza
180 Stetson St., Suite 600
Chicago, IL 60601
DODGE REPORT
900 Ridge Rd.
Munster, IN 46321

Copies of the Bidding Documents may be obtained by contacting the Governors State University, Purchasing Office, (708) 534-5000, ext. 2115 and upon depositing the sum of $150.00 per set (includes one (1) set of drawings and one (1) Project Manual). A maximum of four (4) sets per Contractor are allowed.

Plan deposits will be refunded to bona fide bidders upon return of the documents in good condition no later than ten (10) days following the award of contract. Non-bidders and suppliers must return all documents before bid opening to receive complete refund.

Contracts for work under this bid will obligate the Contractor and Subcontractors not to discriminate in employment practices.

Bid Security in the amount of 10% of the Bid must accompany each Bid.

A 100% Performance & Payment Bond is required.

The Owner reserves the right to waive irregularities and to reject any or all bids.

The Bidder shall include, in lump sum price, all applicable State and City Taxes.

All bidders are advised and cautioned to read, with particular care, that part of the INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS - SECTION 00100 dealing with the METHOD OF FINANCING for this project.
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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to "An Act in relation to the use of an Assumed Name in the conduct or transaction of Business in the State," as amended, that a certification was filed by the undersigned with the County Clerk of Cook County. File No. D004362 on Sept. 18, 1991 under the Assumed Name of Anne-Audrene Creations, with the place of business located at 18507 Harwood, Homewood, IL 60430. The true name and residence address of owner is: Audrene Welch, 18507 Harwood, Homewood, IL 60430.
Star 18262 76-S-80

LEGAL NOTICE

The Board of Education of Prairie Hills Elementary School District 144, will accept bids for CUSTODIAL/PAPER/CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES.

Bid Opening will be at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 10, 1991, at the District Administrative Center at 3015 West 163rd Street, Markham, IL 60426.

Specifications upon request, (708)210-2893.
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LEGAL NOTICE
TREASURER'S REPORT
July 1, 1990 to
June 30, 1991

Cash and Investments as of 6/30/90, $66,824.18
INCOME:

Taxes - Cook and Will Counties, $128,431.14; Interest, 4,296.52; Corporate Replacement Tax, 4,448.67; Per Capita Grant, 13,201.00; Project Plus Grant, 12,103.00; Fines and Fees, 6,948.78; Refunds, 691.31

TOTAL RECEIPTS, $170,120.42
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS, $155,050.37
BALANCE, $15,070.05

Cash and Investments as of 6/30/91, $84,781.04

Disbursements in excess of $1,000.00 and compensation for personal services:

American National Bank, $15,620.76, mortgage; Baker & Taylor, 1,563.27, books; Donna Bivona, 8,565.68, salary; Nancy Buckner, 3,790.21, salary; Commonwealth Edison, 5,878.02, utilities; Ebsco Subscription Services, 1,466.27, periodicals; Federal Withholding, social security, 16,104.90, salary; Gaylord Bros., 1,567.87, supplies; Illinois Bell, 1,126.09, utilities; Illinois Department of Revenue, 1,607.72, salary; Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund, 7,779.94, salary; Ingram Book Co., 10,478.61, books; Joint Advancement of Illinois Libraries, 6,927.96; Insurance; Northern Illinois Gas, 1,385.11, utilities; Sharon Nelson, 5,854.52, salary; Petty Cash, 3,033.92, various funds; Jane Schulten, 12,385.79, salary; Suburban Library System, 1,974.11, supplies; U.S. Postmaster, 2,609.67, postage; Warren Insurance Agency, 10,330.00, insurance; Charles R. Wheeler III, 1,496.14, salary; Lisa Wheeler, 7,612.93, salary; Wilkes, Besterfield & Co., P.C., 1,110.00, audit; Lorelle Williams, 5,702.79, salary.

Cash and Investments as of 7/01/90, $66,824.18

Savings Account, $47,779.49; IMRF Savings, 736.57; Checking Account, 517.21; Petty Cash, 150.00; IPTIP - General, 17,640.91.

TOTAL CASH AND INVESTMENTS, $66,824.18
INCOME:

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TOTAL INCOME, $170,120.42
TOTAL EXPENSES, $155,050.37

Cash balance as of 6/30/91, $84,781.04
Cash and Investments 6/30/91

Saving Account, $65,088.13; IMRF Savings, 776.06; Checking Account, 1,125.94; Petty Cash, 150.00; IPTIP - General, 17,640.91

TOTAL CASH AND INVESTMENTS, $84,781.04

I, Patricia L. Donahue, being duly sworn Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the Steger-South Chicago Heights Public Library District, certify that the above statement of the income and disbursement of the Steger-South Chicago Heights Public Library District is without error or discrepancy.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23rd day of September, A.D. 1991.
/s/Patricia L. Donahue
Sept. 23, 1991
/s/Lorelei A. Williams
Notary Public
Star 19229

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Library joins project to automate operations

The Steger-South Chicago Heights Public Library will be one of eight local public libraries participating in an automation project coordinated by the Suburban Library System.

With the help of an LSCA Title I Automation Incentive Grant, the library this month will buy the necessary equipment and begin the task of entering its collection and patron names into the System Wide Automated Network database — SWAN.

The project will take about a year to complete, officials said.

When finished the project will provide patrons with automated checkout, subject searches and direct access to the holdings of most of the libraries in the Suburban Library System.

The library will be closed from 10 a.m. to noon on Oct. 18 for staff orientation on the use of online terminals.

The library will be open to the public from noon until 5 p.m. that day.

and $2 for children under 12. $5 for take out. Subsequent fish fry's will be held the second and fourth Fridays of each month.

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■ The library is working with Literacy Volunteers of America (LVA) to fight illiteracy. Trustee James Pasqualoni is coordinating an effort to provide trained volunteers for adults to improve their reading skills. Free of charge classes courtesy of LVA. If you know someone who is not reaching their potential due to poor literacy skills, urge them to call 754-1771.

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OCTOBER 10, 1991

SSCH a library and a whole lot more

by Larry Chmielewski

The Steger-South Chicago Heights (SSCH) Library contains over 27,000 books, 600 audio tapes and 400 video tapes. This relatively small lending library does much more than lend, however. According to director Jane Schulten, "ours is probably a rec-type library." By that Schulten means, that not only does the library fulfill the traditional role of a lending institution, but it also serves as a meeting and instructional center.

In addition to warehousing books and tapes, the library runs a successful summer reading program for kids. This past summer over 200 children read some 6,000 books. The library also has storytime for pre-schoolers.

The multi-purpose room is open for any type of appropriate community activity. It serves as everything from a classroom for adult literacy to crafts instruction.

Though the building may act as a community hub; books remain the library's cornerstone. Library cardholders will soon have a much wider selection of volumes thanks to the library's scheduled automation.

Schulten recently announced that the library will be one of eight public libraries participating in an automation project coordinated by the Suburban Library System. With the help of a LSCA Title 1 Automation Incentive Grant, the library will purchase the necessary equipment and begin the task of entering its collection and patrons into the SWAN (System Wide Automated Network) database in late October. The project will take about a year to finish and when all is completed, the library will be able to provide automated checkout, subject searches and immediate access to the holdings of most of the libraries in the Suburban Library System.

With the new system in place, the Steger-South Chicago Heights Library will be able to more effectively serve the needs of both individual and community.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
Steger-South Chicago Heights
Public Library District
54 E. 31st St.
Steger, IL 60475

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/s/Carolyn A Qunell, President
Star 21148

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